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7	and
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9	of Minnesota,
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14	& Williamson Tobacco Corporation,
15	B.A.T. Industries P.L.C., Lorillard
16	Tobacco Company, The American
17	Tobacco Company, Liggett Group, Inc.,
18	The Council for Tobacco Research-U.S.A.,
19	Inc., and The Tobacco Institute, Inc.,
20	Defendants.
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22	DEPOSITION OF WALKER P. MERRYMAN
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1	PROCEEDINGS
2	(Plaintiffs' Exhibit 395 was
3	marked for identification.)
4	(Witness sworn.)
5	WALKER P. MERRYMAN
6	called as a witness, being first duly
7	sworn, was examined and testified as
8	follows:
9	ADVERSE EXAMNATION
10	BY MS. WIVELL:
11	Q. Good morning. Would you please introduce
12	yourself to the ladies and gentlemen of the jury.
13	A. My name is Walker Merryman.
14	Q. And sir, by whom are you employed?
15	A. The Tobacco Institute.
16	Q. How long have you been with The Tobacco
17	Institute?
18	A. Approximately 21 years.
19	Q. And what's your position at The Tobacco
20	Institute?
21	A. I'm a vice-president of the institute.
22	Q. Do you have a particular title?
23	A. Director of communications.
24	MS. WIVELL: Excuse me. We have to go
25	off.
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- 1 THE REPORTER: Off the record, please.
- 2 (Discussion off the record.)
- 3 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 4 Q. Mr. Merryman, you said you were director of
- 5 communications for the Tobacco Institute. What does
- 6 that job entail?
- 7 A. It entails answering questions from members of
- 8 the news media about issues that affect the industry.
- 9 Q. And by "industry," what do you mean?
- 10 A. The tobacco industry.
- 11 Q. Would it be fair to characterize your job as
- 12 being the voice of the tobacco industry?
- 13 A. Well I'm one of the people who will speak for
- 14 the cigarette manufacturers.
- 15 Q. Okay. You say "cigarette manufacturers." Would
- 16 you tell us a little bit about the -- how -- what The
- 17 Tobacco Institute actually is?
- 18 A. We're the trade association for cigarette
- 19 manufacturers here in the United States.
- 20 Q. You have members in addition to cigarette
- 21 manufacturers; don't you?
- 22 A. We do, although the cigarette manufacturers are
- 23 the ones who fund our operations.
- 24 Q. Speaking of funding, how is your operation
- 25 funded?

- 1 A. It is based on dues assessments which are, as I
- 2 recall, based on market share of the individual
- 3 companies.
- 4 Q. Would it be fair to say that the dues for the
- 5 tobacco companies are based on the number of
- 6 cigarettes they sell in the United States?
- 7 A. As I understand it, that's correct.
- 8 Q. So Philip Morris, since it has the most market
- 9 share,, selling the most cigarettes, would pay the
- 10 most dues; right?
- 11 A. I believe that's correct.
- 12 Q. Okay. And R. J. Reynolds, having the next
- 13 portion of -- the next-largest portion of the market
- 14 share, would pay the next-largest dues after Philip
- 15 Morris.
- 16 A. I believe so.
- 17 Q. Brown & Williamson, being third in market share,
- 18 would pay the third-largest segment of dues; right?
- 19 A. That would be correct.
- 20 Q. Okay. Now who are the other three cigarette
- 21 manufacturers who are members of The Tobacco
- 22 Institute?
- 23 A. In addition to Philip Morris, there's R. J.
- 24 Reynolds, Brown & Williamson, and Lorillard.
- 25 Q. But there have been other members in the past;

- 1 haven't there?
- 2 A. Over the years there have been, as I recall,
- 3 other members, yes.
- 4 Q. Now I'm not sure that you answered my question.
- 5 I asked you if you were the voice of The Tobacco
- 6 Institute. It would be fair to characterize your job
- 7 as -- as exactly that; wouldn't it, sir?
- 8 A. Well except I'm not the only person.
- 9 Q. You're not the only voice.
- 10 A. I'm not the only person who speaks for the
- 11 industry or the institute.
- 12 Q. Okay. Who are the other people at the institute
- 13 who speak for the tobacco industry?
- 14 A. Presently at the institute, Tom Loria, one of my
- 15 colleagues, is a spokesman for the institute.
- 16 Q. Are there any others?
- 17 A. No, not who -- who act in our capacity, no.
- 18 Q. Okay. In the past there have been other
- 19 spokespersons for the institute; haven't there?
- 20 A. There have.
- 21 Q. For example, would you name them?
- 22 A. Connie Drath, Bill Dwyer, Tom Howard, Pamela
- 23 Jones, Alan Byrn. There may have been others that I
- 24 can't recall.
- 25 Q. Well isn't it also true that from time to time

- 1 officers of The Tobacco Institute speak out to the
- 2 public on behalf of the institute?
- 3 A. I don't really know what you mean, I guess.
- 4 Q. Well wasn't there a person by the name of
- 5 Korngay who was an officer of The Tobacco Institute?
- 6 A. What was the name?
- 7 Q. Korngay.
- 8 A. Kornegay?
- 9 Q. Kornegay. I'm sorry, I just was mispronouncing
- 10 it.
- 11 And he was an officer of The Tobacco Institute;
- 12 wasn't he?
- 13 A. Yes, he was.
- 14 Q. And he would from time to time make public
- 15 statements concerning the tobacco industry; wouldn't
- 16 he?
- 17 A. I recall that on occasion Mr. Cornigay gave
- 18 statements.
- 19 Q. And in fact there were other officers of The
- 20 Tobacco Institute who would give public statements
- 21 concerning issues relevant to the tobacco industry
- 22 from time to time; weren't there?
- 23 A. I suppose that on some occasions there were
- 24 other people at the institute who gave public
- 25 statements.

- 1 Q. Okay. Now sir, you've been deposed before;
- 2 haven't you?
- 3 A. Yes, ma'am, I have.
- 4 Q. And you've been deposed on a number of different
- 5 occasions in lawsuits relating to smoking-and-health
- 6 issues; haven't you?
- 7 MR. FLYNN: Objection, it's argumentative
- 8 and vague. You can answer.
- 9 A. As I --
- 10 As I said, I've been deposed before.
- 11 Q. All right. How many times have you been
- 12 before -- sorry. Strike that.
- 13 How many times have you been deposed before in
- 14 cases relating to smoking-and-health issues?
- 15 A. There's been one other case in which I've been
- 16 deposed where -- two other cases, I'm sorry, where
- 17 smoking-and-health issues were raised.
- 18 Q. Now sir, in addition to the depositions, you
- 19 have actually testified in trials relating to
- 20 smoking-and-health issues; haven't you?
- 21 A. Not trials plural. I've testified in one trial.
- 22 Q. And when was that?
- 23 A. I don't recall the dates. Several years ago.
- 24 Q. It was in 1992; wasn't it?
- 25 A. I'm sorry, I don't recall.

- 1 Q. Okay.
- 2 A. It may have been.
- 3 Q. You testified for a number of days?
- 4 A. I did.
- 5 Q. And just so we're clear here, that was a case in
- 6 which a smoker alleged that he had been injured as a
- 7 result of his smoking; correct?
- 8 A. I believe that's correct.
- 9 Q. Sir, before the deposition began I had the court
- 10 reporter mark the notice of deposition as Exhibit
- 11 395, and he's given that to you. Have you seen this
- 12 notice before?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. All right. Would you take a moment just to look
- 15 it over, please.
- 16 MR. FLYNN: The record should reflect that
- 17 there's two other notices of his deposition. You've
- 18 presented one. It's really a 30.02(f) deposition
- 19 notice.
- 20 MS. WIVELL: I object to your speaking
- 21 objections or your -- your speech.
- 22 MR. FLYNN: It's not a speech, it's just
- 23 clarifying what the record reflects.
- 24 A. All right.
- 25 Q. You've had the opportunity now to read Exhibit

- 1 395; correct?
- 2 A. I have.
- 3 Q. And that is the notice of taking deposition for
- 4 the deposition of The Tobacco Institute pursuant to
- 5 Rule 30.02(f); correct?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 Q. And this deposition says that pursuant to Rule
- 8 30.02(f), The Tobacco Institute shall designate one
- 9 or more representatives who shall be qualified to
- 10 testify as to matters known or reasonably available
- 11 to The Tobacco Institute concerning the following
- 12 topics. Have I read it correctly so far?
- 13 A. You have.
- 14 Q. And then there are four topics listed; right?
- 15 A. There are.
- 16 Q. And the first topic is public statements
- 17 relating to the health effects of smoking and
- 18 addiction.
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. The second topic is health effects of smoking.
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. The third topic is addiction.
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. The fourth is lobbying; right?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. Now sir, do you understand that your deposition
- 2 is being taken here today on the first three of those
- 3 subjects?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Now -- (coughing) pardon me.
- 6 Do you understand that this Exhibit 395 requires
- 7 The Tobacco Institute to produce a person qualified
- 8 to testify as to these matters in this notice?
- 9 MR. FLYNN: I object, it's argumentative
- 10 and overbroad, vague and ambiguous.
- 11 MS. WIVELL: And I object to your speaking
- 12 objections and your violation of the court's order
- 13 concerning objections.
- 14 MR. FLYNN: That's not a speaking
- 15 objection. It stated the grounds and it stated the
- 16 reasons.
- MS. WIVELL: And it violates the court's
- 18 order.
- 19 MR. FLYNN: No, it doesn't. But go ahead
- 20 and answer the question if you have it in mind, if
- 21 you can answer it.
- 22 A. Would you mind repeating the question.
- 23 Q. Certainly.
- 24 Do you understand that Exhibit 395 requires The
- 25 Tobacco Institute to produce a person qualified to

- 1 testify as to these matters in the notice?
- 2 MR. FLYNN: Same objections, but go ahead
- 3 and answer if you can.
- 4 A. Yes, that's -- that's my understanding from
- 5 reading it.
- 6 Q. And you understand that this notice is to The
- 7 Tobacco Institute; right?
- 8 A. Well that's what it says, yes.
- 9 Q. All right. And you understand that you've been
- 10 designated as the corporate representative of The
- 11 Tobacco Institute to speak on its behalf in this
- 12 deposition today; right?
- 13 A. Correct.
- 14 Q. And you've consented to speak to -- for The
- 15 Tobacco Institute at this deposition today?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And in fact you speak as your career for The
- 18 Tobacco Institute; don't you, sir?
- MR. FLYNN: Objection, it's argumentative,
- 20 vague and overbroad.
- 21 A. I'm -- I do not understand the question.
- 22 Q. Okay. Well as part of your job as director of
- 23 communications, you speak on behalf of The Tobacco
- 24 Institute every day; don't you?
- MR. FLYNN: Objection, it's repetitive.

- 1 It's a double question. Every day?
- 2 A. Fact of the matter is, I -- I don't speak every
- 3 day on behalf of The Tobacco Institute.
- 4 Q. All right. But you give public statements on
- 5 behalf of The Tobacco Institute as part of your job
- 6 as director of communications; right?
- 7 A. That is a part of my job, yes.
- 8 Q. Now do you have authority to speak on behalf of
- 9 The Tobacco Institute today during this deposition?
- 10 MR. FLYNN: Objection, it's vague and
- 11 argumentative.
- 12 A. Well the -- I -- I've been designated as -- as
- 13 the spokesman for the institute, so to that extent I
- 14 would agree with --
- 15 Yes, I -- I -- I do have authority.
- 16 Q. Okay. And so for the -- at least the purpose of
- 17 this deposition today, you're The Tobacco Institute
- 18 spokesperson there; aren't you?
- 19 A. Correct.
- 20 Q. Now do you understand that the questions that --
- 21 I'm sorry. Strike that.
- 22 Do you understand that the answers you give in
- 23 this deposition to the questions I ask must be
- 24 answered fully based not only on your personal
- 25 knowledge but also knowledge available to The Tobacco

- 1 Institute?
- 2 MR. FLYNN: I object to that question as
- 3 overbroad and vague and not his obligation, but you
- 4 can address it if you can.
- 5 MS. WIVELL: And I object to your
- 6 continuing violation of the court's order concerning
- 7 objections. And if it continues, we'll call the
- 8 court about this issue.
- 9 MR. FLYNN: That's fine. But you ask
- 10 questions like that and it's just inappropriate.
- 11 Those rules don't prohibit --
- MS. WIVELL: And all you have to say --
- MR. FLYNN: -- clarifying the question.
- MS. WIVELL: -- is objection to the
- 15 question and that's it.
- MR. FLYNN: But that doesn't focus on the
- 17 problem with the question. Okay? I know what the
- 18 rule says and I know what's appropriate.
- 19 MS. WIVELL: Well then I'd like to you live
- 20 by them.
- 21 MR. FLYNN: Well we'll deal with it one by
- 22 one. If you ask appropriate questions, we won't have
- 23 these problems.
- 24 A. I've lost the question. I'm sorry.
- 25 Q. Do you understand that the answers you give in

- 1 this deposition to the questions I ask must be
- 2 answered fully based not only on your personal
- 3 knowledge but also knowledge available to The Tobacco
- 4 Institute?
- 5 MR. FLYNN: Same objection.
- 6 A. I will do my best to answer your questions to
- 7 the best of my ability with the information that I
- 8 have.
- 9 Q. And you know that you're answering on behalf of
- 10 The Tobacco Institute; right?
- 11 A. I am answering on behalf of The Tobacco
- 12 Institute, that's right, yes.
- 13 Q. Now I'm curious about why you've qualified your
- 14 answer. Did you prepare by going back and looking at
- 15 Tobacco Institute documents for this deposition?
- 16 A. I did spend some time reviewing some documents.
- 17 Q. Have you made an investigation beyond your
- 18 personal knowledge about the subjects of the
- 19 deposition notice?
- 20 A. What do you mean by my personal knowledge?
- 21 Q. Well beyond your personal knowledge. Did you go
- 22 back and try and find everything on the subject of
- 23 addiction so that you could answer questions about
- 24 that in this deposition today?
- 25 A. I don't think it would have been possible for me

- 1 to find everything about addiction.
- 2 Q. Did you try?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. All right. How about the issues of public
- 5 statements relating to the health effects of smoking
- 6 and addiction, did you go back and do research to try
- 7 and find out so that you could answer on behalf of
- 8 The Tobacco Institute?
- 9 A. I reviewed documents that touched on all three
- 10 of these issues.
- 11 Q. Well sir, perhaps you didn't understand my
- 12 question. Let me rephrase it.
- 13 Did you make an investigation of documents from
- 14 the files of The Tobacco Institute to determine what
- 15 statements it made -- it has made in the past
- 16 relating to health effects of smoking and addiction?
- 17 MR. FLYNN: Objection as asked and
- 18 answered.
- 19 A. I did not make a search of the files at the
- 20 Tobacco Institute. No, I did not.
- 21 Q. Well let me ask you this then: Did you make a
- 22 search of the files of The Tobacco Institute
- 23 concerning the health effects of smoking to find out
- 24 what the institute knew that might be beyond your own
- 25 personal knowledge?

- 1 A. No.
- 2 Q. Well sir, I'm curious, then, how you prepared
- 3 for this deposition.
- 4 A. As I mentioned a moment ago, I did review
- 5 documents that we were told would be a part of this
- 6 deposition. I did not review all of them; it would
- 7 not have been possible for me to do so. However, I
- 8 did my best to review those documents which we were
- 9 told might be of interest to you in this deposition.
- 10 Q. Well beyond the documents that I disclosed that
- 11 I might use in this deposition, did you review any of
- 12 the files of The Tobacco Institute to be able to
- 13 answer the questions that you're designated as the
- 14 spokesperson -- person for in this deposition?
- 15 A. I did --
- 16 MR. FLYNN: Object -- go ahead. I object,
- 17 it's argumentative, assumes an obligation not
- 18 imposed. But go ahead, answer.
- 19 A. I did not.
- 20 Q. Would it be fair to say that your preparation
- 21 for this deposition was limited to reviewing the
- 22 documents that I disclosed?
- 23 MR. FLYNN: I object, it's vague and
- 24 ambiguous. What do you mean "in preparation?"
- 25 MS. WIVELL: And I object, I really object

- 1 to your continuing violation of the court's order.
- 2 When my partners have said more than the word
- 3 "objection," attorneys for the defendants in this
- 4 case have accused them over and over of coaching, and
- 5 that is clearly what you are doing here. And I
- 6 object to your violation of the court's order, and if
- 7 it continues, we'll call the court.
- 8 MR. FLYNN: And I -- I'm not coaching, I'm
- 9 helping the witness and counsel understand what
- 10 "preparation" means. You give the witness a
- 11 question and then you don't tell him what it means,
- 12 and you're narrowing -- I don't --
- I don't want to make a whole lot of other
- 14 comments because then I will get into a coaching
- 15 mode. I don't want to do that.
- MS. WIVELL: You are in a coaching mode,
- 17 Mr. Flynn.
- 18 MR. FLYNN: Well you read it as you wish.
- 19 If the court --
- 20 MS. WIVELL: Please note your objection by
- 21 saying the word objection, which is what the court
- 22 order required.
- MR. FLYNN: And it allows the grounds.
- MS. WIVELL: I don't need your comments
- 25 about the validity of my questions, sir, that's for

- 1 the court.
- 2 MR. FLYNN: The grounds need to be stated,
- 3 and the problem with the question, if appropriate,
- 4 needs to be stated. So I'll exercise my rights under
- 5 the rules and the order as it states.
- 6 Go ahead.
- 7 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 8 Q. Now sir, during this deposition, can we have an
- 9 agreement that I ask -- if I ask a question with the
- 10 word "you" in it, unless I specify otherwise, the
- 11 word "you" means both you and The Tobacco Institute?
- MR. FLYNN: Objection, it's overbroad.
- 13 A. I would really appreciate it if you'd be very
- 14 clear on what you mean when you say "you."
- 15 Q. Well I'm right now trying to clarify that.
- 16 Can we have an agreement that unless I say
- 17 otherwise, when I use the word "you," since you're
- 18 speaking for The Tobacco Institute here today, that
- 19 we mean both you, Walker Merryman, and you, The
- 20 Tobacco Institute?
- 21 MR. FLYNN: Same objection.
- 22 A. I would think not, frankly. I would appreciate
- 23 it if you would be very clear when you're asking the
- 24 question if you're referring to me personally, or The
- 25 Tobacco Institute, or the industry, or a single

- 1 company, or whatever your -- your meaning really is.
- 2 Q. Okay. Well if that's what you'd like, then
- 3 that's what we'll do. But you do understand that the
- 4 answers to the questions you give are based not only
- 5 on what you know personally, but what you learned in
- 6 preparation for this deposition; correct?
- 7 A. What I know personally and what I learned in
- 8 preparation for this deposition will form the basis
- 9 of my answers, yes.
- 10 Q. All right. But just so we're clear here, beyond
- 11 the documents that I provided to The Tobacco
- 12 Institute, you made no search to try and find out
- 13 what knowledge was available to The Tobacco Institute
- 14 on the first three subjects of this deposition
- 15 notice; is that correct?
- 16 A. I did no special preparation that you suggest in
- 17 that regard, no.
- 18 Q. Now sir, I think we went over this before, but
- 19 you have for years been a spokesperson for The
- 20 Tobacco Institute; haven't you?
- 21 MR. FLYNN: Objection, repetitive. This is
- 22 the third time.
- 23 A. I am a spokesman for The Tobacco Institute,
- 24 that's correct.
- 25 Q. And in fact, one of The Tobacco Institute's ads

- 1 that was published some years ago featured you;
- 2 didn't it?
- 3 A. Yes, it did.
- 4 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 396 was marked
- for identification.)
- 6 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 7 Q. Sir, showing you what's been marked as Exhibit
- 8 396, this is one of the ads that The Tobacco
- 9 Institute took out from time to time; isn't it?
- 10 A. It is an ad that The Tobacco Institute took out,
- 11 yes.
- 12 Q. Okay. And it features you; doesn't it, sir?
- 13 A. It does.
- 14 Q. An earlier version, a younger version of you;
- 15 right?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Approximately how many years ago was this ad
- 18 taken out?
- 19 A. Oh my, I'm afraid I don't know.
- 20 Q. All right. Can you give me your best estimate?
- 21 A. Ten, a dozen years ago. That's really an
- 22 off-the-wall guess. I couldn't be held to it.
- 23 Q. All right. For the record, I'd like to identify
- 24 Exhibit 396 as TIMN0133708; is that correct, sir?
- 25 Have I identified this correctly?

- 1 A. 0133708.
- 2 Q. Yes.
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And now this is an ad that is entitled "I'll
- 5 fill in the government's blanks; correct?
- 6 A. It is.
- 7 Q. And in fact in this ad you offer on behalf of
- 8 The Tobacco Institute to make public presentations,
- 9 appear on radio or TV, appear at professional
- 10 societies, to speak on behalf of The Tobacco
- 11 Institute; isn't that right?
- MR. FLYNN: Objection, the document speaks
- 13 for itself.
- 14 A. There -- there are no such representations in
- 15 there about where I might appear. Doesn't say
- 16 anything about radio or television or -- or speaking
- 17 engagements.
- 18 Q. Well it says at the bottom, "To arrange for free
- 19 guest appearance write The Tobacco Institute;"
- 20 doesn't it?
- 21 A. You're right, it does.
- 22 Q. All right. And essentially this ad was taken so
- 23 that -- strike that.
- 24 This ad was placed by The Tobacco Institute so
- 25 that people would know that you were available to do

- 1 speaking engagements; right?
- 2 A. That's correct.
- 3 Q. Now this ad says, "No judge would -- judge would
- 4 decide a case without hearing both sides. But a lot
- 5 of people have done just that on the subject of
- 6 smoking;" correct?
- 7 A. That's the first sentence.
- 8 Q. All right. And sir, this ad was taken so that
- 9 people would know you were able -- you were available
- 10 to provide The Tobacco Institute's side of the story
- 11 concerning smoking and health; right?
- 12 A. It doesn't say anything about smoking and
- 13 health, it just says the subject of smoking.
- 14 Q. All right. Well, but you have spoken on the
- 15 subject of smoking and health from time to time;
- 16 haven't you?
- 17 A. Oh, that's one of the subjects that I've
- 18 occasionally talked about.
- 19 Q. Well you've been on --
- 20 A. There have been a number of others.
- 21 Q. You've been on Nightline discussing the subject
- 22 of smoking and health; haven't you?
- 23 A. I've discussed smoking and health and other
- 24 things on Nightline.
- 25 Q. Okay. But you've been on Nightline to discuss

- 1 smoking and health; haven't you, sir?
- 2 A. And other subjects, yes, uh-huh.
- 3 Q. Now you've also been on various network TV shows
- 4 talking about the issues of smoking and health;
- 5 haven't you, sir?
- 6 A. Again it's not limited to smoking and health,
- 7 but that's one of the things that they've asked me
- 8 about, yes.
- 9 Q. I understand, sir, that you may talk on other
- 10 things, but this deposition notice says we're going
- 11 to talk about public statements relating to the
- 12 health effects of smoking and addiction, and so I'm
- 13 trying to focus in just on the subject of smoking and
- 14 health, --
- MR. FLYNN: Objection.
- 16 Q. -- with the understanding that you -- that there
- 17 may be other subjects. But that's just the subject
- 18 of our deposition today. Okay?
- 19 MR. FLYNN: Objection. It's just an
- 20 argumentative statement; there's no question in
- 21 there. Ask the witness questions, don't give him
- 22 speeches.
- 23 Q. Now sir, you have been on network television
- 24 discussing smoking-and-health-related issues; haven't
- 25 you?

- 1 A. Oh, yes, and others.
- 2 Q. And you have been on TV -- I'm sorry. Strike
- 3 that.
- 4 You've been on radio shows discussing smoking
- 5 and health; haven't you?
- 6 A. I've been on radio as well discussing tobacco
- 7 issues, yes.
- 8 Q. And you've made personal appearances at other
- 9 kinds of functions discussing
- 10 smoking-and-health-related issues; haven't you?
- 11 A. Yes, I have.
- 12 Q. What kinds of public -- I'm sorry.
- 13 What kinds of other functions have you attended
- 14 where you gave presentations on smoking-and-health
- 15 issues?
- 16 A. Well none of it was ever limited to just smoking
- 17 and health; however, we were invited to speak to
- 18 civic clubs such as Rotary clubs, tobacco
- 19 organizations, tobacco grower groups, tobacco
- 20 warehouse groups, tobacco wholesaler groups, often
- 21 asked to provide a speaker to give our perspective
- 22 on -- on tobacco issues that were prominent at the
- 23 time. Those are some of the speaking engagements
- 24 that I recall we participated in.
- 25 Q. You've even traveled to Minnesota to have

- 1 meetings and give speeches; haven't you?
- 2 A. I don't recall I ever gave a speech, certainly
- 3 not a public event in Minnesota. I have been there
- 4 on occasion, that's true.
- 5 Q. On -- on Tobacco --
- 6 A. On Tobacco Institute business.
- 7 Q. Thank you. Okay.
- 8 Now Exhibit 396 goes on to talk about -- it says
- 9 in the third paragraph, "So if you've got an audience
- 10 who would be interested in some of the facts the
- 11 government ignored when it embarked on the current
- 12 anti-smoking campaign, I'd like to set the record
- 13 straight and answer their questions." Is that right?
- 14 A. That's what it says, yes.
- 15 Q. All right. Sir, and isn't it true that when you
- 16 have made public presentations on
- 17 smoking-and-health-related issues, you wanted to set
- 18 the record straight; didn't you?
- 19 A. Part of what we wanted to do was present
- 20 perspectives that we thought weren't being heard,
- 21 that's correct.
- 22 Q. Okay. Now you go on to say -- or the ad goes on
- 23 to say in the next paragraph, "But...I think the
- 24 American public has the right to the whole truth."
- 25 Is that right?

- 1 A. "Not because I want to make new converts or keep
- 2 anybody from quitting, I don't. But because I think
- 3 the American public has the right to the whole
- 4 truth, "yes.
- 5 Q. Now sir, you would agree that the American
- 6 public has the right to the whole truth about smoking
- 7 and health; wouldn't you?
- 8 A. They do, yes.
- 9 Q. All right. And in fact you intended every time
- 10 you spoke on behalf of The Tobacco Institute to
- 11 provide the whole truth; didn't you?
- 12 A. I intended to present the tobacco industry's
- 13 perspective so that the public could have as much
- 14 information as possible.
- 15 Q. I'm not sure that answers my question. When you
- 16 spoke on behalf of The Tobacco Institute, did you
- 17 want to provide the American public with the whole
- 18 truth?
- MR. FLYNN: Objection, it's argumentative
- 20 and repetitive. He just answered that.
- 21 A. The Tobacco Institute represents the cigarette
- 22 manufacturers. I present the industry's perspectives
- 23 on these issues so that the public can receive, if it
- 24 wishes, information from us. They can get
- 25 information on other parts of the controversies from

- 1 other interested parties, and they have.
- 2 Q. Move to strike as non-responsive.
- 3 Sir, are you saying that when you spoke
- 4 publicly, you were not intending to provide the whole
- 5 truth --
- 6 MR. FLYNN: It's argumentative.
- 7 Q. -- on the subject of smoking and health?
- 8 MR. FLYNN: Argumentative and repetitive.
- 9 He said exactly what he was doing.
- 10 A. I believe I've answered the question.
- 11 Q. And I respectfully move to strike as
- 12 non-responsive. So please --
- 13 A. We provide --
- 14 We provide information from the tobacco
- 15 industry's perspective. That is my answer to your
- 16 question.
- 17 Q. Well sir, it says right here in this ad "...I
- 18 think the American public has the right to the whole
- 19 truth." Are you telling us that you didn't provide
- 20 the whole truth when you went out and spoke on behalf
- 21 of The Tobacco Institute?
- 22 MR. FLYNN: Objection, it's argumentative
- 23 and repetitive. The fact you say it with a negative
- 24 doesn't change it. It's been asked and answered.
- 25 A. I don't think I can better answer your question

- 1 than the way in which I already have. It's clear
- 2 that the tobacco industry -- The Tobacco Institute
- 3 represents the cigarette manufacturers. We present
- 4 their perspective on the issues.
- 5 Q. Move to strike as non-responsive.
- 6 My question can be answered simply "yes" or
- 7 "no," sir.
- 8 You say here that you think the American public
- 9 has the right to the whole truth. When you went out
- 10 to speak on behalf of The Tobacco Institute, did you
- 11 give the portion of the public that you were speaking
- 12 to the whole truth?
- 13 MR. FLYNN: Objection, repetitive. It's
- 14 the fifth time you've asked it now. And he doesn't
- 15 have an obligation to just "yes" or "no" anything.
- 16 At some point it becomes too repetitive.
- 17 MS. WIVELL: I object to your --
- 18 MR. FLYNN: Well --
- 19 MS. WIVELL: -- continuing violation of the
- 20 court's order.
- 21 MR. FLYNN: -- you've asked it five times.
- 22 You're just arguing with him.
- MS. WIVELL: Let's call the court.
- MR. FLYNN: If you want to call the court,
- 25 let's call the court. You can't ask the question

- 1 five times and just ask it more emphatically each
- 2 time.
- 3 MS. WIVELL: I move to strike, sir.
- 4 THE REPORTER: Let's go off the record,
- 5 please.
- 6 (Discussion off the record.)
- 7 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 8 Q. I move to strike the previous non-responsive
- 9 answer.
- 10 And my question can be answered "yes" or "no,"
- 11 sir. It says here in this ad that you think the
- 12 American public has the right to the whole truth.
- 13 When you went out to speak on behalf of The Tobacco
- 14 Institute, did you give the portion of the public
- 15 that you were speaking to the whole truth?
- 16 MR. FLYNN: Same objection. It's
- 17 repetitive, it's asked and answered, it's
- 18 argumentative, and he doesn't have to answer any
- 19 question "yes" or "no."
- 20 A. My answer remains the same. We present the
- 21 tobacco industry's perspective from The Tobacco
- 22 Institute, and I just don't believe that it's
- 23 possible for me to say "yes" or "no" in answer to
- 24 your question.
- 25 Q. All right. Is the statement made here that

- 1 "...I think the American public has the right to the
- 2 whole truth, " is -- is that a correct statement?
- 3 MR. FLYNN: Same question, sixth repetition
- 4 of it.
- 5 A. Taken in context, that is a correct statement.
- 6 Q. So you believe it is important that the American
- 7 public have the right to the whole truth about
- 8 smoking.
- 9 A. I think the public has the right to the whole
- 10 truth, yes.
- 11 Q. Okay. And sir, you would agree that when The
- 12 Tobacco Institute makes a public statement about
- 13 smoking, that the American public has a right to rely
- 14 on that statement; doesn't it?
- 15 A. I think that everything The Tobacco Institute
- 16 says is -- is accurate, yes.
- 17 Q. That's not my question, sir. My question is:
- 18 When the Tobacco Institute makes a public statement
- 19 about smoking, the American public has a right to
- 20 rely on that statement; doesn't it?
- 21 A. I don't know what you mean by right to rely upon
- 22 the statement.
- 23 Q. Well you want people to believe what you say
- 24 about the tobacco industry; don't you?
- 25 A. Certainly.

- 1 Q. And it's reasonable for people to believe what
- 2 the tobacco industry says -- I'm sorry, strike that.
- 3 It's reasonable for people to believe what the
- 4 tobacco industry says about smoking; isn't it?
- 5 A. I don't know if it's reasonable for people to
- 6 believe.
- 7 Q. Well --
- 8 A. I -- I don't know what -- what that means.
- 9 Q. Well sir, you've spoken out on behalf of the
- 10 tobacco industry for the better part of 20 years;
- 11 right?
- 12 MR. FLYNN: It's repetitive. You've asked
- 13 that eight times.
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And sir, you intended people to believe what you
- 16 were saying; isn't that right?
- 17 A. I think anyone would like to have people believe
- 18 them when they say something, certainly.
- 19 Q. And you're a person who would like --
- 20 You, Walker Merryman, wanted people to believe
- 21 what you said about smoking-and-health issues; didn't
- 22 you?
- 23 A. Every time I spoke for The Tobacco Institute, I
- 24 wanted people to believe what -- what I was saying,
- 25 what I was talking about, no matter what issue it

- 1 was.
- 2 Q. And you intended them to be able to believe you;
- 3 didn't you?
- 4 A. Intended them to be able to believe me.
- 5 Q. Yeah.
- 6 A. That's a bit convoluted. Can you be more clear?
- 7 Q. Well you thought what you were saying was
- 8 reliable.
- 9 A. I thought what I was saying was accurate and --
- 10 Certainly.
- 11 Q. And --
- 12 A. No question about it.
- 13 Q. -- so you wanted people to be able to rely on
- 14 what you were saying.
- 15 A. I'm confident that what The Tobacco Institute
- 16 has said on issues is accurate, and I certainly would
- 17 hope people would believe what we said.
- 18 Q. All right. Well you intended people to be able
- 19 to rely on what you were saying; didn't you?
- 20 A. Well you still --
- MR. FLYNN: Objection.
- 22 A. -- haven't told me what you mean by that.
- 23 Q. Well you've used the word "rely;" haven't you?
- 24 How do you define it, sir?
- 25 A. Well it's not up to me to define it, I'm

- 1 afraid. It's up to you. You're asking the
- 2 question. I don't want to be argumentative, --
- 3 Q. Well you --
- 4 A. -- but it seems to me very clear that you're
- 5 responsible for telling me what you mean in the
- 6 question.
- 7 Q. Sir, how do you use the word "rely" when you use
- 8 it in conversation?
- 9 A. Well I probably use it in a number of different
- 10 ways. But -- but frankly, I'm not the one asking the
- 11 question here, you are. So if you wouldn't mind
- 12 clarifying, I'd appreciate it.
- 13 Q. So you're having trouble with defining the word
- 14 "rely;" is that right?
- 15 A. Well the way you're using it, it seems vague to
- 16 me, and I don't know what you mean.
- 17 Q. Well how about "believe." You wanted people to
- 18 be able to believe what you were saying when you
- 19 spoke on behalf of the tobacco industry; isn't that
- 20 true?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And you wanted people to act on what you said
- 23 when you were speaking on behalf of The Tobacco
- 24 Institute; didn't you?
- 25 A. "Act." No.

- 1 Q. So you didn't want people --
- 2 You didn't want to reassure people when you made
- 3 statements about smoking and health that smoking and
- 4 health was safe?
- 5 MR. FLYNN: Objection, it's just
- 6 argumentative.
- 7 A. I never said such a thing.
- 8 Q. Well sir, let me ask you: Did you want to
- 9 reassure people when you made statements about
- 10 smoking and health that smoking and health was safe?
- 11 MR. FLYNN: Objection, it's overbroad, it's
- 12 repetitive.
- 13 A. I -- I'm -- I'm baffled. Statements such as
- 14 that were not made by me.
- 15 Q. No. I'm asking you, sir, did --
- 16 When you made statements about smoking and
- 17 health, did you intend to suggest that smoking was
- 18 safe?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Q. Okay. Did you intend to suggest that smoking
- 21 was unsafe?
- 22 A. I suggested that there were risks associated
- 23 with smoking.
- 24 Q. So the answer to my question is no, you didn't
- 25 mean to suggest that there -- that smoking was

- 1 unsafe.
- 2 MR. FLYNN: Objection. The answer is just
- 3 what he said. If you want to ask him another
- 4 question, ask him.
- 5 MS. WIVELL: I object, again, to your
- 6 speaking objections.
- 7 MR. FLYNN: Well it's not a proper form of
- 8 examination.
- 9 MS. WIVELL: And that's not for you to
- 10 decide, Mr. Flynn.
- 11 MR. FLYNN: Well you're not at liberty to
- 12 ask anything any way, any time, about everything you
- 13 want and abuse the witness. There's no intent of
- 14 that in that order. You have the right to ask
- 15 questions and to get answers, but not to those kinds
- 16 of questions.
- MS. WIVELL: Sir, you have the right to
- 18 instruct the witness not to answer questions on the
- 19 issue of privilege only. Everything else is reserved
- 20 for trial. It's not for you to decide.
- 21 MR. FLYNN: Well I'm aware what that rule
- 22 says. I'm also aware of your obligations as an
- 23 interrogating attorney, and these questions are not
- 24 appropriate.
- MS. WIVELL: Well we'll let the judge

- 1 decide that when -- when he calls.
- 2 MR. FLYNN: Well he may well.
- 3 MS. WIVELL: Oh we're going to.
- 4 MR. FLYNN: Well that may be.
- 5 MS. WIVELL: Because I intend, if I don't
- 6 get done with the questions during the time allotted,
- 7 to bring a motion to require this witness to come to
- 8 Minneapolis because of your inappropriate conduct.
- 9 MR. FLYNN: You can't listen to an answer,
- 10 then restate the answer in a different form --
- 11 MS. WIVELL: Mr. Flynn, I don't need
- 12 instructions from you.
- MR. FLYNN: -- and then say isn't that your
- 14 answer?
- MS. WIVELL: Well that's inappropriate
- 16 question. It has nothing to do with objections.
- MS. WIVELL: State your objection, sir.
- 18 MR. FLYNN: It's not an objection to the
- 19 question, it's an objection to your form of
- 20 interrogation.
- 21 MS. WIVELL: I object to your violation of
- 22 the court's order, your repeated violation.
- 23 MR. FLYNN: There's not a piece of coaching
- 24 in this whole dialogue. But go ahead.
- 25 That's what the purpose of those rules are, so

- 1 you don't coach the witness, and I haven't coached
- 2 him one iota.
- 3 MS. WIVELL: And you're certainly doing a
- 4 fine job of obstructing the deposition.
- 5 MR. FLYNN: Well that's for the record to
- 6 reflect. Go ahead.
- 7 MS. WIVELL: Oh, it certainly will.
- 8 MR. FLYNN: Well you -- you do your
- 9 questioning.
- 10 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 11 Q. Now sir, when The Tobacco Institute made public
- 12 statements about the issue of smoking and health, it
- 13 intended those statements to be accurate; didn't it?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Did it intend those statements to be complete?
- 16 A. We couldn't possibly, I don't believe, hope to
- 17 be absolutely complete in every -- in every single
- 18 statement on every single issue. I don't think
- 19 that's possible.
- 20 Q. Okay. So you did not intend for the statements
- 21 you made to be complete; is that right?
- 22 A. We can't --
- MR. FLYNN: Objection, it's argumentative.
- 24 That's not what he said.
- 25 A. I don't think we can reasonably expect -- be

- 1 expected to include every piece of information in a
- 2 statement about a controversial issue.
- 3 Q. But you did expect people who smoked in America
- 4 to believe what you said; right?
- 5 A. We wanted smokers and non-smokers to receive the
- 6 information and belief it. We couldn't make them
- 7 believe it, but we -- we certainly would prefer that
- 8 they did.
- 9 Q. And you intended -- and by "you" there I mean
- 10 The Tobacco Institute -- intended when it made public
- 11 statements about smoking and health for people to
- 12 believe them.
- MR. FLYNN: It's repetitive.
- 14 A. We wanted, obviously, people to believe what we
- 15 were saying. I think the use of the word "intent" is
- 16 a bit more than we could reasonably expect to
- 17 accomplish because it implies, I think, more than we
- 18 as  $\operatorname{\mathsf{--}}$  as The Tobacco Institute could get from the
- 19 American public.
- 20 Q. Well you would agree that it was reasonable for
- 21 people to believe what The Tobacco Institute said on
- 22 the issues of smoking and health.
- 23 A. No, I can't -- I can't agree to that, no.
- 24 Q. Why not?
- 25 A. Because I have no idea what is reasonable for

- 1 the American public to accept or believe.
- 2 Q. But you were out there making statements with
- 3 the hope that people would act on them; weren't you?
- 4 A. No. Not act on them, no, ma'am.
- 5 Q. So The Tobacco Institute was out there making
- 6 public statements on the issue of smoking and health
- 7 and it did not intend the public to act on those
- 8 statements?
- 9 A. No, ma'am.
- 10 Q. Okay. But it did intend to fill in the blanks
- 11 that the government left; correct?
- 12 A. Yes. We thought we had a right to present our
- 13 views and opinions on controversial issues. Still do
- 14 today.
- 15 Q. All right. And sir, that right includes the
- 16 right to provide accurate information; doesn't it?
- 17 A. Well certainly.
- 18 Q. And it also includes the duty not to give out
- 19 misinformation; doesn't it?
- 20 MR. FLYNN: Objection, that's
- 21 argumentative.
- 22 A. Well I think you're going to have to tell me
- 23 what you mean by "misinformation."
- 24 Q. False information, sir.
- 25 A. We don't give out false information.

- 1 Q. Never did. Never gave out any false
- 2 information; right?
- 3 A. We are accurate in what we say. We don't give
- 4 out false information.
- 5 Q. Never have, ever.
- 6 A. Well in my experience at the Tobacco Institute,
- 7 my experience has been we don't give out false
- 8 information.
- 9 Q. And speaking as The Tobacco Institute here
- 10 today, you can say unequivocally you've never given
- 11 out false information.
- 12 A. Oh, please. Now you know that's unreasonable.
- 13 I cannot say that for the 40 years of the existence
- 14 of The Tobacco Institute there might not
- 15 inadvertently have been some information given out
- 16 that was false. I'm telling you my experience over
- 17 the past 21 years is that we don't do that. I
- 18 certainly don't do that.
- 19 Q. Now sir, the public statements that are made by
- 20 The Tobacco Institute arose out of policies that were
- 21 set back in the '50s; isn't that true?
- 22 MR. FLYNN: Objection, that's vague and
- 23 ambiguous, overbroad.
- 24 A. I -- I don't believe I can fairly answer that --
- 25 that question.

- 1 Q. Well sir, isn't it a fact that The Tobacco
- 2 Institute came into being as a public-relations
- 3 effort on the part of the major tobacco
- 4 manufacturers?
- 5 A. No, it's not, to the best of my knowledge.
- 6 Q. Well isn't it a fact that in 1953, as a result
- 7 of medical publications that gave rise to a concern
- 8 that smoking was related to cancer, that the heads of
- 9 the major tobacco companies got together to decide a
- 10 course of conduct for the tobacco companies?
- 11 MR. FLYNN: Objection, it's so vague, broad
- 12 and ambiguous.
- 13 A. Well 1953 was five years before the formation of
- 14 The Tobacco Institute, and I certainly wasn't in any
- 15 position to be around at the Institute or the
- 16 industry at that time.
- 17 Q. But you have reviewed documents concerning that,
- 18 which I provided in preparation for this deposition;
- 19 haven't you, sir?
- 20 A. I reviewed some of the documents. I couldn't
- 21 possibly review everything.
- 22 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 397 was marked
- for identification.)
- 24 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 25 Q. Sir, showing you what's been marked as

- 1 Plaintiffs' Exhibit 397, this is a document that's
- 2 Bates numbered JH000502; correct?
- 3 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 4 Q. All right. And it's a document that's dated
- 5 December 15th, 1953, and concerns background material
- 6 on the cigarette industry client; right?
- 7 A. That's what it says.
- 8 Q. And it concerns a meeting at the Hotel Plaza
- 9 from the president -- of the presidents of the
- 10 leading tobacco companies; right?
- 11 MR. FLYNN: Objection, it's overbroad. The
- 12 document speaks for itself. If you want him to
- 13 answer that, he's got to have a chance to read it to
- 14 affirm your description of it.
- 15 A. I have never seen this document before.
- 16 Q. All right. Sir, why don't you direct your
- 17 attention to the first --
- No one showed you this document before, despite
- 19 the fact I provided it to counsel?
- 20 MR. FLYNN: Counsel tells us it was not
- 21 predesignated.
- 22 MS. WIVELL: It was predesignated, and I
- 23 copied it myself and made sure it got to the office
- 24 of your counsel.
- 25 BY MS. WIVELL:

- 1 Q. Sir, why don't you take a moment and look at the
- 2 first paragraph and the fourth paragraph of the first
- 3 page.
- 4 MR. FLYNN: Well just before --
- 5 We need to determine that this was
- 6 predesignated.
- 7 MS. WIVELL: It was predesignated, sir.
- 8 MR. DAVIES: I haven't seen it.
- 9 MS. WIVELL: Let's go off the record.
- 10 THE REPORTER: Off the record, please.
- 11 (Discussion off the record.)
- MR. FLYNN: The record should reflect that
- 13 this is a document that was served in my office in
- 14 Minneapolis at 4:00 o'clock on Friday. The witness
- 15 has never had the opportunity to review any of those
- 16 documents that were designated Friday afternoon given
- 17 he's in Washington. And the volume of documents
- 18 produced, we advised counsel we would object to the
- 19 use of these documents as both excessive in terms of
- 20 supplemental designation and late in terms of time
- 21 for disclosure, and we advised her of that
- 22 yesterday. We object to the use of this document.
- 23 Having said that, I don't mean to be
- 24 obstreperous. If there are two or three documents
- 25 that you particularly want to add to this and we'll

- 1 have the witness take the time to look at them, we're
- 2 willing to accommodate that. But to serve an
- 3 in-excess-of-65-document list basically the business
- 4 day before this takes place when you know the witness
- 5 is in Washington, not Minneapolis, and you serve him
- 6 in Minneapolis, is just unreasonable. So if you want
- 7 to --
- 8 With this document, if you want the witness to
- 9 take the time to review it, we'll allow examination.
- 10 But I ask that you select a few of these because
- 11 we're not going to allow wholesale examination on
- 12 this substantial supplemental presentation, untimely
- 13 made.
- 14 MS. WIVELL: All right. For the record, I
- 15 would just like the record to reflect that the
- 16 supplementation was made in a timely fashion pursuant
- 17 to the court's order, in the same timely fashion that
- 18 we have made our supplementations for other
- 19 defendants. The number is not excessive. I note
- 20 that the defendants have over and over again provided
- 21 supplemental designations in an untimely fashion,
- 22 including one for over 1500 pages, that were served
- 23 the day of the deposition. But I didn't do that.
- I have a reasonable number of documents that
- 25 were provided. As a matter of fact, hard copies of

- 1 those documents which I intended to use which were
- 2 not Tobacco Institute documents were provided in a
- 3 timely fashion as required by the court order. And
- 4 I'd be more than happy to go off the record and allow
- 5 the witness to review the document.
- 6 I'm not sure that there are going to be many.
- 7 There are going to be some. So why don't we proceed
- 8 in that fashion.
- 9 MR. FLYNN: That's -- we'll --
- 10 We'll agree to that.
- 11 THE REPORTER: Off the record, please.
- 12 (Discussion off the record.)
- 13 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 398 was marked
- for identification.)
- 15 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 16 Q. Sir, turning your attention to Exhibit 397, it
- 17 concerns a meeting that was held by the presidents of
- 18 the leading tobacco companies at the Plaza Hotel on
- 19 December 15th, 1953; doesn't it?
- 20 MR. FLYNN: Objection, speaks for itself.
- 21 A. That's -- that's what it apparently says. I
- 22 don't know if it's accurate or not.
- 23 Q. Okay.
- 24 A. I don't know who wrote it, where it's from.
- 25 Doesn't say.

- 1 Q. But that's what it says; doesn't it, sir?
- 2 A. That's what it says.
- 3 Q. All right. And did you understand that such a
- 4 meeting did take place that eventually resulted in
- 5 the formation of what was originally known as the
- 6 TIRC, The Tobacco Institute Research Committee?
- 7 MR. FLYNN: Objection, it's a compound
- 8 question.
- 9 A. I don't know how The Tobacco Institute Research
- 10 Committee was formed.
- 11 Q. All right. Well The Tobacco Institute Research
- 12 Committee became CTR eventually; didn't it, The
- 13 Council for Tobacco Research?
- 14 A. I believe so. That's considerably before I was
- 15 ever involved with the tobacco industry.
- 16 Q. All right. But according to this document, the
- 17 group was called together and agreed to go along with
- 18 the public-relations program on health issues;
- 19 correct?
- 20 MR. FLYNN: Objection, speaks for itself.
- 21 A. Assuming it's, you know, it's an accurate
- 22 representation of what occurred at the meeting,
- 23 apparently they discussed how the industry should
- 24 begin to respond to smoking-and-health issues.
- 25 Q. And in fact it refers to the -- to them going on

- 1 a public-relations campaign; doesn't it?
- 2 A. Where does it say that?
- 3 Q. Page two. Do you see under "The Industry's
- 4 Position," the fourth paragraph, it says, "They feel
- 5 they should sponsor a public relations campaign which
- 6 is positive in nature and is -- and is entirely 'pro-
- 7 cigarettes'?"
- 8 A. Yes, I see that.
- 9 Q. Okay. Now sir, did you understand that before
- 10 The Tobacco Institute was formed, that CTR provided
- 11 the function of being a public-relations arm of the
- 12 tobacco companies?
- 13 A. No, I did not.
- 14 Q. Sir, would you turn to Exhibit 398.
- 15 A. All right.
- 16 Q. You have it in front of you?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. That is a document Bates numbered HK0039151 as
- 19 its beginning Bates number?
- 20 A. Yes, that's right.
- 21 Q. Now --
- MR. FLYNN: For the record, this is another
- 23 one of these late disclosures, but go ahead.
- MS. WIVELL: It is not a late disclosure.
- MR. FLYNN: Well supplemental then, without

- 1 arguing with you.
- 2 Q. Sir, this document is dated April 4th -- I'm
- 3 sorry, strike that.
- 4 This document is dated April 9th, 1962 and
- 5 concerns the TIRC program; right?
- 6 MR. FLYNN: Objection. Again it speaks for
- 7 itself, but --
- 8 A. The subject says "TIRC Program." I don't know
- 9 if it's meant to be all inclusive.
- 10 Q. But that's what it says; doesn't it?
- 11 A. It does say "TIRC Program."
- 12 Q. Okay. And you understand that TIRC refers to
- 13 the first name that was given to CTR?
- 14 A. I don't know if it can be fairly said that they
- 15 were one and the same. I'm not that familiar with
- 16 those two organizations. But The Tobacco Institute
- 17 Research Committee was established in the 1950s by
- 18 the -- by the industry.
- 19 Q. All right. And one of its purposes was to solve
- 20 the public-relations problem that the industry
- 21 perceived for itself; isn't that true?
- 22 A. I don't know that to be true, no.
- 23 Q. Well it does say here, "Historically, it would
- 24 be -- it would be" -- I'm sorry. Strike that.
- It does say here, "Historically, it would seem

- 1 that the 1954 emergency was handled effectively."
- 2 Have I read the first sentence of the second
- 3 paragraph correctly?
- 4 A. Yes, you have.
- 5 Q. And it goes on to say, "From this experience
- 6 there arose a realization by the tobacco industry of
- 7 a public relations problem that must be solved for
- 8 the self-preservation of the industry; " correct?
- 9 A. That's what it says.
- 10 Q. And isn't it true that The Tobacco Institute
- 11 eventually was formed because of this realization
- 12 that The Tobacco Institute had a public-relations
- 13 problem that must be solved for its
- 14 self-preservation?
- MR. FLYNN: Objection. Objection, it's
- 16 vague and convoluted. You got "Institute" in there
- 17 twice.
- 18 MS. WIVELL: All right. Let me rephrase
- 19 the question.
- 20 Q. Isn't it true that The Tobacco Institute
- 21 eventually was formed because of the realization by
- 22 the tobacco industry that it had a public-relations
- 23 problem that must be solved for its preservation?
- 24 A. I don't know that to be the case, no.
- 25 Q. Well sir, in your investigation of the issues of

- 1 the public statements on smoking and health that you
- 2 were designated for for this deposition, did you see
- 3 documents which were related to that subject?
- 4 MR. FLYNN: Which subject?
- 5 Vague and ambiguous as phrased. If you know
- 6 what she's talking about, answer her.
- 7 A. If you could clarify which subject, I'd
- 8 appreciate it.
- 9 MS. WIVELL: I object to the coaching.
- 10 Q. Sir, isn't it true that in your preparation for
- 11 this deposition today, you saw documents that
- 12 indicate that The Tobacco Institute was formed by the
- 13 tobacco industry in order to solve its public-
- 14 relations problem?
- 15 A. If you're asking did I see documents that said
- 16 that, no, I did not.
- 17 Q. All right. Well you know that to be a fact;
- 18 don't you?
- 19 A. I do not.
- 20 Q. You do not know that The Tobacco Institute was
- 21 formed to -- so that the tobacco industry could go on
- 22 the offensive?
- MR. FLYNN: Objection, it's argumentative.
- 24 A. Completely different from what you said a moment
- 25 ago.

- 1 Q. All right. Well let me ask you that question.
- 2 Isn't it true that The Tobacco Institute was formed
- 3 by the tobacco industry so that the tobacco industry
- 4 could go on the offensive?
- 5 A. I don't know that to be the case either.
- 6 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 399 was marked
- 7 for identification.)
- 8 MR. FLYNN: Just a moment.
- 9 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 10 Q. Sir, showing you what's been marked as Exhibit
- 11 399, this is a document Bates numbered MNAT00724279;
- 12 correct?
- 13 A. That is the number, yes.
- 14 Q. It's dated July 30th, 1957; right?
- 15 A. It is.
- 16 Q. And it's a letter from Paul Hahn -- I'm sorry.
- 17 It's a letter to Paul Hahn, the president of
- 18 American Tobacco Company; isn't it, sir?
- 19 A. It is.
- 20 Q. All right. And it refers to the fact that TIRC
- 21 has been a successful defensive operation; doesn't
- 22 it?
- MR. FLYNN: Again I object.
- 24 A. Well --
- MR. FLYNN: It speaks for itself.

- 1 A. I think in all fairness you're going to have to
- 2 give me an opportunity to look at this, because I
- 3 haven't seen it before.
- 4 Q. Sir, I predesignated this exhibit, and your
- 5 counsel didn't show it to you; is that right?
- 6 MR. FLYNN: Counsel, there's no way we
- 7 could show him all the stuff you predesignated. He
- 8 said he didn't look at every one and there's no way
- 9 in the world he could have looked at every one with
- 10 the time we had.
- 11 MS. WIVELL: All right. Then let's go off
- 12 the record.
- 13 THE REPORTER: Off the record, please.
- 14 (Discussion off the record.)
- 15 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 16 Q. Sir, you've had the opportunity to review
- 17 Exhibit 399?
- 18 A. That's correct, yes.
- 19 Q. Now this is a letter from E. A. Daar, president
- 20 of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, to the president
- 21 of American Tobacco.
- 22 A. That's what it says.
- 23 Q. All right. And he talks here about the tobacco
- 24 industry having to go on the offensive in bringing
- 25 the truth about cigarette smoking to the public;

- 1 doesn't he?
- 2 MR. FLYNN: I object. The document speaks
- 3 for itself.
- 4 A. Yes, that's one of the things he says.
- 5 Q. All right. And as a matter of fact, it was the
- 6 perception of the tobacco industry at this time that
- 7 it needed an organization to go on the offensive and
- 8 bring information about cigarette smoking to the
- 9 public.
- 10 MR. FLYNN: Objection, there's no
- 11 foundation, the document speaks for itself.
- 12 A. I've got no idea what the entire industry may
- 13 have been thinking 40 years ago.
- 14 Q. Well at least that is what it says here in this
- 15 letter; right?
- 16 MR. FLYNN: I object, it speaks for itself.
- 17 A. If that's this gentlemen's opinion, then that's
- 18 his opinion. I don't know that he was speaking for
- 19 anyone but himself.
- 20 Q. Well sir, did you go back and look at the early
- 21 public statements that were made by the tobacco
- 22 industry in preparation for your deposition today?
- 23 A. I did not.
- 24 Q. You did not. All right.
- 25 Did you go back and look at the documents that I

- 1 provided concerning the formation of The Tobacco
- 2 Institute?
- 3 A. Well there were so darn many documents that I
- 4 tried to look at. I may honestly have seen them, I
- 5 don't recall.
- 6 Q. All right. But at least, according to this
- 7 document, the president of R. J. Reynolds was
- 8 convinced that there was a need for an organization
- 9 of tobacco manufacturers formed for the narrow and
- 10 well-defined purpose of presenting facts and
- 11 information helpful to the industry; right?
- 12 MR. FLYNN: Object, the document speaks for
- 13 itself.
- 14 A. Well that -- that's part of what he says, yes.
- 15 Q. And as a matter of fact, the next -- the very
- 16 next year The Tobacco Institute was formed; wasn't
- 17 it?
- 18 A. The Tobacco Institute was formed in 1958.
- 19 Q. And one of the specific functions of The Tobacco
- 20 Institute was to collect and disseminate scientific
- 21 and medical information relating to tobacco.
- 22 A. I honestly do not recall if that was in our
- 23 original mission statement.
- 24 Q. Well The Tobacco Institute was formed to
- 25 disseminate information concerning tobacco and

- 1 smoking-and-health issues; wasn't it?
- 2 A. Not solely.
- 3 Q. Not solely. But that was one of the purposes;
- 4 wasn't it?
- 5 A. As I said, I do not know what the original
- 6 mission statement of the Institute read.
- 7 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 400 was marked
- 8 for identification.)
- 9 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 10 Q. Sir, showing you what's been marked as
- 11 Plaintiffs' Exhibit 400, this is a Tobacco Institute
- 12 document entitled "SMOKING/HEALTH, An Age-Old
- 13 Controversy; " correct?
- 14 A. Yes, it is.
- 15 Q. It's Bates numbered -- I'm sorry. The first
- 16 Bates number is TIMN395418; right?
- 17 A. Correct.
- 18 Q. This is a publication put out to the public by
- 19 The Tobacco Institute; correct?
- 20 A. I don't know that to be the case, no.
- 21 Q. Could you turn to the last page. Do you see The  $\,$
- 22 Tobacco Institute logo at the bottom?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. All right. And it says there "The Tobacco
- 25 Institute" and then gives the address; correct?

- 1 A. Yes, it does.
- 2 Q. That would lead you to believe that this was a
- 3 Tobacco Institute publication; wouldn't it, sir?
- 4 A. It is a Tobacco Institute publication, yes.
- 5 Q. And as a matter of fact, in the box directly
- 6 above the logo there is a statement that "The facts
- 7 and statements in this document are presented by the
- 8 Tobacco Institute in the belief that the many
- 9 controversial questions concerning smoking and health
- 10 must ultimately be answered by further scientific
- 11 research and new knowledge -- and that the full, free
- 12 and informed public discussion is essential in public
- 13 interest; " correct?
- 14 A. Correct.
- 15 Q. And it is The Tobacco Institute's belief that
- 16 the full, free and informed public discussion
- 17 concerning smoking and health is in the public
- 18 interest; isn't it, sir?
- 19 A. That's correct.
- 20 Q. All right. Now if you turn to the second page
- 21 of the document under the paragraph "Need to
- 22 Communicate," do you see there the statement that,
- 23 "In 1958 The Tobacco Institute was formed by
- 24 cigarette, smoking tobacco, chewing tobacco and snuff
- 25 manufacturers to deal with general public problems of

- 1 the industry?"
- 2 A. Yes, I do.
- 3 Q. And it goes on to say, "One of the specified
- 4 functions of The Tobacco Institute was to collect and
- 5 disseminate scientific and medical information
- 6 relating to tobacco, and this has continued to be
- 7 done, in a variety of ways, in the years since."
- 8 Have I read it correctly?
- 9 MR. FLYNN: No. "Various ways."
- 10 Q. All right. Let me rephrase the question.
- 11 Then it goes on to say, "One of the specified
- 12 functions of The Tobacco Institute was to collect and
- 13 disseminate scientific and medical information
- 14 relating to tobacco, and this has continued to be
- 15 done, in various ways, in the years since."
- 16 A. That is correct.
- 17 Q. All right. And you understand that that is one
- 18 of the functions of The Tobacco Institute, to collect
- 19 and disseminate scientific and medical information
- 20 relating to tobacco.
- 21 A. Well it certainly has been. I don't know that I
- 22 could say that presently we do that.
- 23 Q. Okay. But it has been during most of the time
- 24 you've been with The Tobacco Institute; isn't that
- 25 right?

- 1 MR. FLYNN: Object as vague and ambiguous.
- 2 A. I couldn't say.
- 3 Q. When did The Tobacco Institute stop
- 4 disseminating information about tobacco?
- 5 MR. FLYNN: That's argumentative. That's
- 6 not what he said, but --
- 7 A. Well we -- we haven't stopped disseminating
- 8 information about tobacco.
- 9 Q. So The Tobacco Institute still collects and
- 10 disseminates scientific and medical information
- 11 relating to tobacco; is that right?
- MR. FLYNN: That's a different question.
- 13 A. It is quite different I'm afraid.
- 14 We do distribute information about tobacco
- 15 issues. I don't recall the last time we prepared and
- 16 distributed a publication on smoking and health, for
- 17 example.
- 18 Q. But when the press calls and asks questions
- 19 about smoking-and-health-related issues, you still
- 20 disseminate information; don't you, sir?
- 21 A. We will answer questions, many times, about
- 22 smoking-and-health information. Not all the time.
- 23 Q. All right.
- 24 A. For example, if I haven't seen a study, I'm not
- 25 going to answer a question about it.

- 1 Q. But you still are the point person very often
- 2 when people from the press call and ask questions
- 3 about smoking-and-health-related issues; aren't you,
- 4 sir?
- 5 A. If their questions are ones that I feel capable
- 6 of answering, I'll try to present information to
- 7 them. I can't always do that.
- 8 Q. Keeping in mind the limitations you just placed,
- 9 though, it's fair to say that you still, on behalf of
- 10 The Tobacco Institute, disseminate information you
- 11 know about concerning scientific and medical facts
- 12 relating to tobacco; isn't that true?
- 13 A. With certain limitations, yes.
- 14 Q. And indeed, you would agree that The Tobacco
- 15 Institute was formed by the tobacco industry in order
- 16 to disseminate this information.
- 17 MR. FLYNN: Objection, that's
- 18 argumentative, vague, overbroad. What information?
- 19 A. I certainly couldn't agree -- excuse me. I
- 20 certainly couldn't agree that the tobacco industry
- 21 formed The Tobacco Institute for that only
- 22 specification purpose.
- 23 Q. Well sir, doesn't it say that in the -- on
- 24 Exhibit 400, right under the head of the document?
- 25 Right under the title, doesn't it say, "This article,

- 1 reviewing the development of the smoking-health
- 2 controversy and outlining the current state of the
- 3 issue has been prepared by The Tobacco Institute, an
- 4 organization formed by members of the tobacco
- 5 industry in 1958 to disseminate information?"
- 6 A. To disseminate information, not only smoking and
- 7 health information.
- 8 MS. WIVELL: I need to take a break.
- 9 THE REPORTER: Off the record, please.
- 10 (Recess taken.)
- 11 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 12 Q. Sir, going back to Exhibit 400, The Tobacco
- 13 Institute publication entitled "SMOKING/HEALTH, An
- 14 Age-Old Controversy, " when The Tobacco Institute put
- 15 out publications like this, it made them available
- 16 for the public; right?
- 17 A. I don't know what use was made of this. It's
- 18 dated 1971 apparently, which would have been five
- 19 years before I got to the Institute. I don't know if
- 20 this was distributed, and if so, how.
- 21 Q. Well that's why I said "publications such as
- 22 this".
- 23 Publications like this one were one means that
- 24 The Tobacco Institute utilized to get ideas and
- 25 information across concerning smoking and health;

- 1 right?
- 2 A. Well I don't know if this one was used in that
- 3 way. Is your question does The Tobacco Institute use
- 4 publications? "Yes" is the answer.
- 5 Q. And sir, when The Tobacco Institute uses
- 6 publications, it intends for people to rely on them;
- 7 doesn't it?
- 8 MR. FLYNN: Objection, repetitive, but go
- 9 ahead again.
- 10 A. Well if you'll tell me what you mean by "rely,"
- 11 perhaps we can agree, but I don't know what you mean
- 12 by -- by the use of that word.
- 13 Q. Okay. Well I went and looked it up in the
- 14 dictionary, and it says here from Webster's Third
- 15 World Dictionary, rely means to have confidence,
- 16 trust, to look upon, to support or aid, depend. So
- 17 let me break it down.
- 18 MR. FLYNN: Is that all of it?
- MS. WIVELL: No. There are synonyms, too.
- 20 Q. But let me break it down. When The Tobacco
- 21 Institute used publications concerning smoking and
- 22 health, did it intend the reader to have confidence
- 23 in what was said in the publication?
- 24 A. I believe, as we have already agreed earlier in
- 25 this deposition, The Tobacco Institute hoped that

- 1 what we said would be believed by those who heard it
- 2 or read it. I believe that's an accurate statement
- 3 of what we hoped would be the case.
- 4 Q. All right. But my --
- 5 A. I'm not willing to go beyond that.
- 6 Q. -- questions --
- Well let me ask this again, because my question
- 8 is a little bit different. Isn't it true that The
- 9 Tobacco Institute, when it used publications to talk
- 10 about smoking and health, intended the reader to have
- 11 confidence in what was written there?
- MR. FLYNN: Objection, it's repetitive,
- 13 vague, into semantics. But answer if you can.
- 14 A. I'm comfortable with the answer I already
- 15 provided you, and I -- I don't think that I can be
- 16 any more specific.
- 17 Q. So, sir, you can't tell us as you sit here today
- 18 whether or not The Tobacco Institute intended the
- 19 reader of its -- the readers of its publications to
- 20 have confidence in what was written in those
- 21 publications?
- MR. FLYNN: Objection, argumentative and
- 23 repetitive.
- 24 A. I can tell you that we hoped people would
- 25 believe what we said, and I think that is sufficient.

- 1 Q. Well sir, my question is a little different.
- 2 I'm going to move to strike your answer as
- 3 non-responsive.
- 4 So it's true, as you sit here today, you can't
- 5 tell us one way or the other whether The Tobacco
- 6 Institute wanted the people who read its publications
- 7 to have confidence in what was written there?
- 8 MR. FLYNN: Same objection.
- 9 A. I can tell you, as I've said before, that we
- 10 hoped people would believe what we said. If you want
- 11 to form conclusions based on that, you're welcome to,
- 12 but that's my answer to your question.
- 13 Q. Well let me ask another question then. One of
- 14 the definitions of "rely" here is to look at, to
- 15 support or aid, depend.
- 16 Let me ask this: Can you tell us as you sit
- 17 here today whether The Tobacco Institute intended the
- 18 people who received its publications to be able to
- 19 depend on them?
- 20 MR. FLYNN: Objection.
- 21 A. For what?
- 22 Q. For the truth.
- 23 A. The entire truth? That's hardly possible.
- 24 Q. Sir, are you telling us that you don't think
- 25 that readers of The Tobacco Institute publications

- 1 had a right to be able to depend on those
- 2 publications?
- 3 MR. FLYNN: Objection, it's argumentative.
- 4 You're just arguing with him. "Depend" --
- 5 A. It's not --
- 6 That's not what you asked me.
- 7 Q. Let me ask my question again.
- 8 Are you telling us you don't think that the
- 9 readers of The Tobacco Institute publications had a
- 10 right to be able to depend on those publications?
- MR. FLYNN: You're just arguing with him.
- 12 It's repetitive and argumentative.
- MS. WIVELL: And again I object to your
- 14 violation of the court's order.
- MR. FLYNN: There's no violation. But go
- 16 ahead. I mean at some point --
- Well go ahead, answer it again. At some point
- 18 this has to stop.
- 19 A. Depend for what, on what?
- 20 Q. Well, could the reader who read a Tobacco
- 21 Institute publication on smoking and health depend on
- 22 the information to be true?
- 23 A. It's accurate, it's true, certainly.
- 24 Q. Okay. And that's what The Tobacco Institute
- 25 intended when it made the publications on the issues

- 1 of smoking and health; right?
- 2 A. We intend for our information to be accurate,
- 3 people to believe it. We'd like them to believe it.
- 4 We can't force them to.
- 5 Q. You'd like to think that they could depend on
- 6 what you said to be true, though.
- 7 MR. FLYNN: It's repetitive, it's
- 8 argumentative.
- 9 A. If you mean by "true" accurate, then I'll agree
- 10 with that.
- 11 Q. Okay. And it would be reasonable for a person
- 12 who was reading a publication from The Tobacco
- 13 Institute on the issues of smoking and health to be
- 14 able to believe that what he or she was reading was
- 15 true and accurate.
- 16 MR. FLYNN: Again it's repetitive and
- 17 argumentative. He's answered it.
- 18 A. I think that everything The Tobacco Institute
- 19 has presented in its publications is accurate. If
- 20 you mean by -- when --
- 21 When you say "accurate," if you are using as a
- 22 synonym for that "true," then that is correct.
- 23 Q. Well my question is: Would it be reasonable for
- 24 the average smoker who read this publication,
- 25 "SMOKING/HEALTH, An Age-Old Controversy," to be able

- 1 to rely on it?
- 2 A. One of the problems is I'm unable to tell you
- 3 what the average smoker, whoever that may be, would
- 4 get from reading any publication.
- 5 Q. But at least from The Tobacco Institute's
- 6 perspective, it put out these materials so the people
- 7 would be able to rely open it -- them; wouldn't --
- 8 didn't it?
- 9 MR. FLYNN: Objection.
- 10 A. The Tobacco Institute, if that's what you mean
- 11 by "it," certainly issued publications in the hope
- 12 and belief that people would -- would read them and
- 13 believe them. We have no idea what people would do
- 14 beyond that.
- 15 Q. So you can't say as you sit here today that The
- 16 Tobacco Institute intended people to rely on its
- 17 public statements on smoking and health.
- 18 MR. FLYNN: It's just argumentative. At
- 19 some point it has to stop being asked for the 10th to
- 20 15th time, order or no order. You've asked him the
- 21 same thing 15 times. You're just arguing with him.
- 22 A. My answer here to your question remains the
- 23 same. I -- I can't think of a reason to change it.
- 24 Q. Now sir, isn't it true that one of the purposes
- 25 of The Tobacco Institute would -- was to defend the

- 1 tobacco industry against attacks from whatever
- 2 source?
- 3 A. I don't remember that being part of our charge.
- 4 That would be awfully broad and frankly, I think,
- 5 just about impossible.
- 6 Any -- any charge from anybody, any time,
- 7 anyplace, anywhere? I don't think that's possible.
- 8 Q. All right. Well let me rephrase the question a
- 9 little bit. Isn't it true that one of the major
- 10 objectives of The Tobacco Institute was to defend the
- 11 tobacco industry against attacks from whatever source
- 12 on the issue of health hazards related to smoking?
- 13 A. Again, I think that's too broad. I couldn't
- 14 agree that that was something we were instructed to
- 15 do.
- 16 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 401 was marked
- for identification.)
- 18 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 19 Q. Sir, showing you what's been marked as
- 20 Plaintiffs' Exhibit 401, this is a document Bates
- 21 numbered JH000207 as the beginning Bates number;
- 22 correct?
- MR. FLYNN: This is a supplementary-
- 24 produced document that the witness has had no
- 25 opportunity to see before.

- 1 A. That is the correct number.
- 2 Q. All right. And for the record, it's a letter
- 3 from the office of the president of The American
- 4 Tobacco Company to John W. Hill dated February 5th,
- 5 1958; correct?
- 6 A. That's what it says.
- 7 Q. And the signature at the end of the document is
- 8 that of Paul M. Hahn, president; right?
- 9 A. I -- I can't vouch for the signature.
- 10 Q. Okay. But Paul M. Hahn was president of The
- 11 American Tobacco Company in 1958; wasn't he?
- 12 A. I don't know.
- 13 Q. Sir, isn't it true that this document states
- 14 that one of the Institute's major areas of activity
- 15 and major objectives would be to defend the tobacco
- 16 industry against attacks from whatever source on
- 17 tobacco as an alleged health hazard?
- 18 MR. FLYNN: Objection. I don't know if
- 19 this is the third or fourth one of them, but you have
- 20 to let the witness read this thing if you're going to
- 21 examine him about it and discuss and paraphrase it.
- 22 So he's just going to have to take the time. If you
- 23 want to expedite this and focus him on a couple pages
- 24 that's the context, we don't have to sit here for --
- MS. WIVELL: That's fine.

- 1 MR. FLYNN: -- half an hour while we labor
- 2 through a 10-page document. But he's got to get
- 3 enough of it. You got to give it to him to get the
- 4 context. It looks like you got three or four pages
- 5 colored.
- 6 MS. WIVELL: We can go off the record.
- 7 MR. FLYNN: All right.
- 8 THE REPORTER: Off the record, please.
- 9 (Discussion off the record.)
- 10 MR. FLYNN: Let the record reflect, just by
- 11 our count, this is the third so-called supplemental
- 12 document. It is our expectation these things are
- 13 read on the record and as part of the 20 hours. Now
- 14 if you get done with in less than 20, it's much ado
- 15 about nothing, but I want the record to reflect the
- 16 time that is being taken from the witness while he
- 17 reads these things, which is not being done at
- 18 present because when we go off the record the time
- 19 clock the reporter is maintaining is interrupted and
- 20 resumes when we go back on the record.
- 21 Now it's my view that this 20-hour calculation
- 22 runs from the commencement of this till the end of
- 23 the day, and if you want to use it to have the
- 24 witness read these things, that's your choice.
- 25 MS. WIVELL: Well Mr. Flynn, as you know, I

- 1 have provided you not only with the Bates numbers of
- 2 the documents, but also, with regard to the
- 3 non-Tobacco Institute documents, the actual documents
- 4 themselves in expectation that you would prepare your
- 5 witness. And having failed to show him these
- 6 documents, I don't believe it's appropriate for us to
- 7 use the time on the record.
- 8 MR. FLYNN: Well --
- 9 MS. WIVELL: But I'm perfectly willing to
- 10 try and direct his attention, as you suggested, to
- 11 portions so that we can move this deposition along.
- 12 But if he insists on reading the whole document, then
- 13 I believe it's only fair that we go off the record to
- 14 do that.
- MR. FLYNN: Well I'll resolve --
- 16 Because I disagree. This is your doing as -- we
- 17 don't need to repeat it -- you got these documents to
- 18 us on Friday at 4:00 o'clock in Minneapolis. We got
- 19 them to Covington on Monday. And there's no
- 20 opportunity for the rest of the stuff you gave us,
- 21 but three days before, for the witness to read
- 22 another pile of this paper.
- MS. WIVELL: Well --
- 24 MR. FLYNN: So again I -- I'm trying to
- 25 accommodate you by saying a reasonable number of

- 1 these supplemental things can be used. The trouble
- 2 so far is at least half if not more than of the
- 3 documents identified are all from these supplemental
- 4 things. It's not -- it's starting to become
- 5 unreasonable.
- 6 MS. WIVELL: Well the supplemental thing is
- 7 allowed by the court.
- 8 MR. FLYNN: If it's done in a timely manner
- 9 it provides. And it's excessive in number.
- 10 MS. WIVELL: Well as I have stated on the
- 11 record, it was done in a timely fashion. And I
- 12 provided you with the actual hard copies of the
- 13 documents.
- 14 MR. FLYNN: Two days prior. You exclude a
- 15 day of service, which is Friday. Your next day is
- 16 Monday; the day after is today, Tuesday. That ain't
- 17 two days the way I counted it in second grade.
- 18 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 19 Q. Sir, you've had the opportunity to read Exhibit
- 20 401.
- 21 A. I have.
- 22 MR. FLYNN: Kindergarten. I could count in
- 23 kindergarten.
- 24 Q. And sir, this is written by the president of the
- 25 American Tobacco Company; right?

- 1 A. Apparently. That's what it says.
- 2 Q. And at the time it was written, American Tobacco
- 3 was a member of The Tobacco Institute; wasn't it?
- 4 A. I don't know.
- 5 THE REPORTER: Let's go off the record,
- 6 please.
- 7 (Discussion off the record.)
- 8 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 9 Q. Sir, one of the statements made in Exhibit 401
- 10 concerns the objectives of The Tobacco Institute;
- 11 doesn't it?
- MR. FLYNN: Again, it speaks for itself.
- 13 A. The writer gives his opinion of what the
- 14 activity and major objectives should be.
- 15 Q. All right. And according to the president of
- 16 The American Tobacco Company, the Institute's major
- 17 area of activity and major objective should be to
- 18 defend the tobacco industry against attacks from
- 19 whatever source on tobacco as an alleged health
- 20 hazard, including efforts to impose labeling
- 21 requirements of tobacco products based directly or
- 22 indirectly on the charge that tobacco is a hazard to
- 23 health; correct?
- 24 A. The writer says that is his opinion, yes.
- 25 Q. And sir, isn't it a fact that that was one of

- 1 the objectives of The Tobacco Institute, to defend
- 2 the tobacco industry against attacks from whatever
- 3 source on tobacco as an alleged health hazard?
- 4 A. I don't know that our mission statement
- 5 contained those exact words, no.
- 6 Q. Well sir, whether your mission statement
- 7 contained those exact words or not, isn't it a fact
- 8 that The Tobacco Institute, since its inception in
- 9 1958 -- I'm sorry, since its inception, has defended
- 10 the tobacco industry against attacks on tobacco as an
- 11 alleged health hazard?
- 12 MR. FLYNN: Object. It's a different
- 13 question. It's argumentative.
- 14 A. The Tobacco Institute has defended the industry,
- 15 but that's not what the writer of this letter says
- 16 specifically. They are two different things in my
- 17 view.
- 18 Q. Sir, I'm going to show you a copy of the
- 19 interrogatory answers that The Tobacco Institute has
- 20 filed in this case.
- 21 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 402 was marked
- for identification.)
- 23 MR. FLYNN: For the record, this is another
- 24 supplemental production document.
- 25 BY MS. WIVELL:

- 1 Q. Sir, directing your attention to the bottom of
- 2 page 14, do you see an interrogatory answer there
- 3 that asks the Tobacco Institute to identify by year
- 4 the member organizations of The Tobacco Institute?
- 5 A. Yes, I do.
- 6 Q. All right. And do you see that the first answer
- 7 is for the year 1959?
- 8 A. Yes, I do.
- 9 Q. Now The Tobacco Institute was formed in what
- 10 year?
- 11 A. 1958.
- 12 Q. All right. Did you understand that the
- 13 companies that were original members of The Tobacco
- 14 Institute in 1958 were also members in 1959?
- 15 A. I have no knowledge of that.
- 16 Q. All right. Well this interrogatory does
- 17 disclose that in 1959 the American Tobacco Company
- 18 was a member of The Tobacco Institute; right?
- 19 A. It does.
- 20 Q. All right. And that's the same American Tobacco
- 21 Company whose president wrote Exhibit 401; right?
- 22 A. Well that would call for some supposition on my
- 23 part. I don't know if that's the case.
- 24 Q. Well sir --
- 25 A. I suppose it is, but I don't -- you know, I

- 1 don't know that.
- 2 Q. Do you know of any other company named the
- 3 American Tobacco Company that was a member of The
- 4 Tobacco Institute at any time?
- 5 A. I do not. I'm only telling you the limit of my
- 6 knowledge.
- 7 Q. Sir, Exhibit 401, the letter that Mr. Hahn wrote
- 8 to John Hill at Hill & Knowlton, does concern The
- 9 Tobacco Institute; doesn't it?
- 10 MR. FLYNN: Objection, it speaks for
- 11 itself. It's also repetitive. But --
- 12 A. It -- it does deal with The Tobacco Institute,
- 13 yes.
- 14 Q. All right. And Mr. Hahn sets forth what he
- 15 believes the Institute's position should be on all
- 16 matters related to smoking and health in Exhibit 401;
- 17 doesn't he?
- 18 MR. FLYNN: Again, the document speaks for
- 19 itself. There's no way he can answer that question
- 20 that way.
- 21 A. Well in his opinion, he says, "Broadly speaking,
- 22 it is my view that the Institute's position on the
- 23 health charges against tobacco should be that in the
- 24 present state of scientific evidence these charges
- 25 are unfounded."

- 1 Q. And then he goes on at the page number four to
- 2 talk about what he believes the Institute's position
- 3 on all matters should be concerning the issue of
- 4 smoking and health and tobacco; doesn't he?
- 5 MR. FLYNN: Again, I object to the
- 6 paraphrasing of the document. It speaks for itself.
- 7 If you want to read it to him, that's fine; have him
- 8 affirm your reading of it.
- 9 Q. I'm looking at the paragraph immediately above
- 10 number eight.
- 11 A. The writer says, "The Institute's position on
- 12 all such matters should be that it has not been
- 13 proved that tobacco is a health hazard; that its use
- 14 is a universal pleasure and relaxation; that many
- 15 hundreds of thousands of people depend on it for
- 16 their livelihood; and that any step in the direction
- 17 of discouraging consumption of tobacco is unjustified
- 18 and harmful."
- 19 Q. Sir, isn't it your experience based on the years
- 20 that you've spent at The Tobacco Institute that the
- 21 Institute's position has been that it has not been
- 22 proven that tobacco is a health hazard?
- MR. FLYNN: That has nothing to do with
- 24 this document. Just answer that question.
- 25 A. That's part of what The Tobacco Institute has

- 1 said.
- 2 Q. Now sir, isn't it true that the bulk of the
- 3 public-relations activity which is done by the
- 4 tobacco industry emanates from The Tobacco Institute?
- 5 A. I have no way of being able to answer that
- 6 question.
- 7 Q. Well sir, isn't it true that TI --
- 8 By the way, The Tobacco Institute is often
- 9 referred to as TI; isn't it?
- 10 A. Yes, it is.
- 11 Q. Okay. Can we agree that when we talk about TI
- 12 that we're referring to The Tobacco Institute?
- 13 A. Absent other circumstances I can't conceive of,
- 14 yes.
- 15 Q. Okay. Now isn't it true that when The Tobacco
- 16 Institute acts as the official spokesman for the
- 17 tobacco industry, it always reflects the official
- 18 strategic positions agreed upon by its members?
- 19 MR. FLYNN: I object as vague and ambiguous
- 20 and overbroad.
- 21 A. I don't think I can agree that -- to that
- 22 specific wording, no.
- 23 Q. Well isn't it true that -- no, strike that.
- 24 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 403 was marked
- for identification.)

- 1 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 2 Q. Sir, showing you what's been marked as
- 3 Plaintiffs' Exhibit 403, this is a document Bates
- 4 numbered 690020605; correct?
- 5 A. That's correct.
- 6 Q. And it is entitled "STATUS REPORT AND UPDATE,
- 7 PUBLIC RELATIONS STRATEGY OF THE U.S. TOBACCO
- 8 MANUFACTURERS RE SMOKING & HEALTH CONTROVERSY."
- 9 Right?
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 Q. Now this document sets forth information
- 12 concerning The Tobacco Institute; doesn't it?
- 13 A. I -- I don't know. Does it?
- 14 Q. All right. Would you turn to the third page of
- 15 the document and read to yourself the first two
- 16 complete paragraphs.
- 17 A. Page three?
- 18 Q. Yes, the one that ends with Bates number 607.
- 19 A. Oh. That's page two then.
- 20 Q. The third page of the document.
- 21 MR. FLYNN: Do you want him to read, what,
- 22 the first --
- 23 THE WITNESS: First two complete
- 24 paragraphs?
- MS. WIVELL: Yes, sir.

- 1 THE WITNESS: Is that --
- 2 A. All right.
- 3 Q. Now sir, do you see there the statement that,
- 4 "As a representative of member manufacturers, the
- 5 Institute acts as official spokesman for the
- 6 industry, always reflecting official strategy
- 7 positions agreed upon by all members?"
- 8 A. I see that sentence, yes.
- 9 Q. Sir, and isn't it true that in fact when the
- 10 tobacco industry speaks officially on the subject of
- 11 smoking and health, it always does reflect the
- 12 official strategy positions agreed upon by all its
- 13 members?
- 14 A. I don't know that to be the case.
- 15 Q. Hasn't it been your experience -- no, strike
- 16 that.
- Goes on here to say that "Essentially, the
- 18 official position still recognizes that the evidence
- 19 against cigarettes is inadequate to establish a
- 20 cause-and-effect relationship between smoking and
- 21 health." Have I read it correctly?
- 22 A. You have.
- 23 Q. Now sir, isn't it true that the official
- 24 position of The Tobacco Institute has been, since you
- 25 joined the Institute, that there is inadequate

- 1 evidence to support a cause-and-effect relationship
- 2 between smoking and health?
- 3 MR. FLYNN: I object, it's argumentative,
- 4 vague and ambiguous.
- 5 A. The Tobacco Institute's position has been, yes,
- 6 that we don't believe a causal relationship has been
- 7 established.
- 8 Q. And as a matter of fact you've used a variety of
- 9 different kinds of methods to disseminate that
- 10 message to the public; haven't you?
- 11 MR. FLYNN: Objection, it's argumentative
- 12 and vague. I don't know what you mean.
- 13 A. I'm not sure what you mean. We have
- 14 disseminated that message, among many others, but I
- 15 don't know how many different types of methods we may
- 16 have used.
- 17 Q. All right. Well The Tobacco Institute has
- 18 utilized letters to the editor to address the issue
- 19 of smoking and health?
- 20 A. We've occasionally written letters to the
- 21 editors of newspapers on a variety of subjects, yes.
- 22 Q. And The Tobacco Institute created a bi-monthly
- 23 newsletter that it utilized to provide information on
- 24 the lack of cause-and-effect relationship between
- 25 tobacco and smoking-and-health issues?

- 1 A. That was not the sole reason for the existence
- 2 of any publication --
- 3 Q. All right.
- 4 A. -- or newsletter.
- 5 Q. But isn't it true that The Tobacco Institute had
- 6 a newsletter whose purpose was, among other things,
- 7 to stress the controversy?
- 8 A. Perhaps you could be more specific about just
- 9 exactly what publication, as I gather it, you're
- 10 referring to.
- 11 Q. Well The Tobacco Institute had a bi-monthly
- 12 newsletter; didn't it?
- 13 A. Well there's some confusion here because you may
- 14 be speaking about something in specific. We have had
- 15 a lot of different kinds of publications, some of
- 16 them going out to the public and others not.
- 17 Q. All right.
- 18 A. If you tell me what you're talking about, maybe
- 19 we can --
- 20 Q. Let's talk the ones that went out to the
- 21 public. The tobacco industry has had newsletters
- 22 that went out to the public on -- that contained
- 23 information about smoking-and-health-related issues;
- 24 right?
- 25 A. Well that contained --

- 1 Well yes, that's right. Yes.
- 2 Q. And in fact it was called Tobacco and Health
- 3 Research at one time; wasn't it?
- 4 A. If so, it was before my time.
- 5 Q. You don't recall any publication regarding
- 6 Tobacco and Health Research, a publication with that
- 7 name?
- 8 A. I didn't say that. I believe I do, but I'm
- 9 relatively certain that it wasn't published after I
- 10 got to the Institute.
- 11 Q. All right. But it was published by the
- 12 Institute and had as its audience doctors and
- 13 scientists and the news media.
- 14 A. I don't recall any specifics about it. I -- I'm
- 15 not even certain I've ever seen an issue.
- 16 Q. Well sir, isn't it a fact that The Tobacco
- 17 Institute published this newsletter stressing that
- 18 the most important kind of story it could carry was
- 19 one that cast doubt on the theory of disease and
- 20 smoking?
- 21 MR. FLYNN: Objection, it's argumentative,
- 22 there's no foundation.
- 23 A. I don't know. That's not something that's
- 24 familiar to me.
- 25 Q. Well isn't it true that the tobacco industry --

- 1 I'm sorry, strike that.
- 2 Isn't it true that The Tobacco Institute has had
- 3 written policies that its publications were to stress
- 4 the type of story which cast doubt on the
- 5 cause-and-effect relationship between disease and
- 6 smoking?
- 7 A. I don't know.
- 8 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 404 was marked
- 9 for identification.)
- 10 Q. Sir, showing you what's been marked as
- 11 Plaintiffs' Exhibit 404, this is a document Bates
- 12 numbered TIMN0071488 as a beginning Bates number;
- 13 correct?
- 14 A. Correct.
- 15 Q. And it is a memorandum to William Kloepfer, Jr.
- 16 of The Tobacco Institute; right?
- 17 A. Correct.
- 18 Q. It's dated October 18th, 1968.
- 19 A. It is.
- 20 Q. Who was William Kloepfer?
- 21 A. He was vice-president for public relations at
- 22 The Tobacco Institute.
- 23 Q. The subject of this memo is "Tobacco and Health
- 24 Research Procedural Memo;" right?
- 25 A. Yes, it is.

- 1 Q. Now the document concerned the writing and
- 2 production of a newsletter called Tobacco and Health
- 3 Research.
- 4 A. Well --
- 5 MR. FLYNN: I would object, it speaks for
- 6 itself. It's a four-page document. Do you want to
- 7 read the sentence to expedite this?
- 8 A. It may. I'm not familiar with this document, I
- 9 don't believe.
- 10 Q. Could you look at the first paragraph of the
- 11 document.
- 12 A. All right.
- 13 Q. That paragraph addresses the fact that this memo
- 14 is written concerning the writing and production of
- 15 Tobacco and Health Research; correct?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And it goes on, then, to address the primary
- 18 audience for that Tobacco Institute publication;
- 19 doesn't it?
- 20 MR. FLYNN: Again, the document speaks for
- 21 itself. It would be so much easier to read it,
- 22 but --
- 23 A. It says, "The primary audience is comprised of
- 24 doctors and scientists."
- 25 Q. And then it goes on to say that there's a

- 1 secondary audience, which is the news media.
- 2 A. Correct.
- 3 Q. Now would you turn to the top of page two.
- 4 There it says, "The most important type of story is
- 5 that which casts down on the cause and effect theory
- 6 of disease and smoking;" correct?
- 7 A. Correct.
- 8 Q. And isn't it true that in all of The Tobacco
- 9 Institute's publications relating to the issue of
- 10 smoking and health, that they were designed to cast
- 11 doubt on the cause-and-effect theory of disease and
- 12 smoking?
- MR. FLYNN: Object.
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. Well at least this one was; right?
- 16 A. This writer said that that was his opinion.
- 17 Q. And --
- 18 A. Whether or not this was ever carried forth is
- 19 something I cannot know.
- 20 Q. All right. This writer was a member of the firm
- 21 of Hill & Knowlton, which was a -- an organization
- 22 which was hired to do public relations for the
- 23 tobacco industry; wasn't it?
- 24 A. I have no personal knowledge of that.
- 25 Q. You have no personal knowledge at all of the

- 1 relationship of Hill & Knowlton, Inc. to the tobacco
- 2 industry?
- 3 A. What relationship Hill & Knowlton may or may not
- 4 have had with the tobacco industry or The Tobacco
- 5 Institute substantially predates my association with
- 6 the Institute.
- 7 Q. Did you find out when you were investigating or
- 8 preparing for this deposition about the relationship
- 9 of the tobacco industry and Hill & Knowlton?
- 10 A. I did not.
- 11 Q. Sir, if look down the page under "Headlines," do
- 12 you see where it says --
- MR. FLYNN: What page are you on, please?
- MS. WIVELL: I'm sorry. The page that ends
- 15 with Bates number 489.
- MR. FLYNN: Oh.
- 17 Q. Do you see there the paragraph "Headlines?"
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And does the last sentence read, "Thus, the
- 20 headline should strongly call out the point --
- 21 Controversy! Contradiction! Other factors!
- 22 Unknowns!"
- 23 A. That -- that's what it says, preceded by the
- 24 caution that these should be written very carefully.
- 25 Q. All right. But isn't it a fact that the written

- 1 public statement that The Tobacco Institute provided
- 2 on the issues of smoking and health focused on
- 3 controversy, contradiction and unknowns?
- 4 MR. FLYNN: Objection, it's argumentative,
- 5 extrapolates from this document to a general
- 6 proposition.
- 7 A. I can't speak for every Tobacco Institute
- 8 document, no.
- 9 Q. Well --
- 10 A. It's not possible for me to do.
- 11 Q. Let's talk generally based on your review and
- 12 preparation for this deposition. Isn't it true that
- 13 the documents you saw, the public statements on the
- 14 issue of smoking and health basically stressed
- 15 controversy, contradiction and unknowns?
- MR. FLYNN: Objection, it's argumentative.
- 17 It's so overbroad it's impossible to answer.
- 18 A. I cannot generalize to that degree.
- 19 Q. Well sir, isn't it a fact that the public
- 20 statements on the issue of smoking and health
- 21 generally that you are familiar with stress the fact
- 22 that smoking and health are unrelated?
- MR. FLYNN: Objection, it's argumentative.
- 24 A. That --
- MR. FLYNN: It's overbroad.

- 1 A. To the best of my ability to recall, that simply
- 2 is not true.
- 3 Q. Well sir, isn't it a fact that the majority of
- 4 the public statements on the issue of smoking and
- 5 health are aimed at demonstrating that there is no
- 6 causation between smoking and disease?
- 7 A. I don't know of anyone who's attempted to make a
- 8 numerical comparison of what points may be  $\operatorname{--}$  may
- 9 have made -- may have been made in Tobacco Institute
- 10 documents. I mean that's just not possible for me to
- 11 answer.
- 12 Q. Well sir, I'm not asking you for a numerical
- 13 comparison.
- 14 A. You asked me for a majority. What more could I
- 15 take from that?
- 16 Q. Well have you reviewed public statements from
- 17 the tobacco industry in preparation for this
- 18 deposition today?
- 19 A. I have reviewed some of the documents that you
- 20 told us you were interested in going over in this
- 21 deposition. Obviously, I haven't been able to read
- 22 them all.
- 23 Q. And isn't it fair to say that the general theme
- 24 that runs throughout them is that it's impossible to
- 25 establish a cause-and-effect relationship between

- 1 smoking and disease?
- 2 A. No.
- 3 MR. FLYNN: Objection.
- 4 Q. Sir, isn't it true that the majority of those
- 5 documents have as their theme the -- that there is
- 6 doubt to be cast on the cause-and-effect theory of
- 7 disease and smoking?
- 8 MR. FLYNN: Objection. He's answered it
- 9 already. Numerically, majority. It's repetitive.
- 10 A. I can't speak to what the majority of the
- 11 documents say, no, ma'am.
- 12 Q. Well sir, there were other techniques that were
- 13 used by The Tobacco Institute to make public
- 14 statements on the issue of smoking and health;
- 15 weren't there?
- 16 MR. FLYNN: That's argumentative.
- 17 A. Well if -- if you mean by that that I'm supposed
- 18 to accept that what you've said before is true, then
- 19 I cannot.
- 20 Q. Well we've talked about letters to the editor,
- 21 we've talked about newsletters. Now The Tobacco
- 22 Institute also tried to get feature articles placed
- 23 in newspapers throughout the country on the issue of
- 24 smoking and health; isn't that right?
- 25 MR. FLYNN: I object. That's an improper

- 1 form of question because you ask him to accept facts
- 2 you assert and then add a question at the end. As
- 3 phrased, it can't be answered.
- 4 Q. Well sir, --
- 5 MR. FLYNN: It's --
- 6 Q. -- would you turn to page 403 -- or to Exhibit
- 7 403. Do you have it?
- 8 A. 403, yes.
- 9 Q. Yeah. Could you turn to the page that's Bates
- 10 numbered ending 608.
- 11 A. All right.
- 12 Q. There does the third paragraph begin, "The
- 13 Institute's role, then, is primarily reactionary and
- 14 its communications programs are designed, for the
- 15 most part, to counteract, or dispute,
- 16 misunderstandings that are commonly held by the
- 17 general public or inaccuracies published in the
- 18 consumer press?"
- 19 A. That's the opinion of an anonymous writer.
- 20 Q. All right. And sir, isn't that a fact that that
- 21 was the Institute's role, was to contradict, dispute
- 22 understandings that were commonly held by the public
- 23 concerning smoking and health?
- 24 A. No, I wouldn't put it that way.
- 25 Q. You would disagree with this document then;

- 1 right?
- 2 MR. FLYNN: You also misparaphrased it from
- 3 "misunderstandings" to "understandings." Your
- 4 question differed from the statement.
- 5 A. I don't agree that the way you phrase it is --
- 6 is -- is accurate, and I don't agree that whoever
- 7 wrote this had a complete understanding of what the
- 8 Institute's function was.
- 9 Q. Sir, it goes on to say, "The tools used to
- 10 accomplish this run the complete gamut of public
- 11 relations techniques: letters-to-the-editor, a
- 12 bimonthly newsletter, feature article placements,
- 13 pamphlets and brochures, films, direct mail and
- 14 one-on-one communication with government officials;"
- 15 correct?
- 16 A. It says that, yes.
- 17 Q. Now sir, all of those techniques were used by
- 18 The Tobacco Institute to put forth statements to the
- 19 public on the issues of smoking and health; isn't
- 20 that true?
- 21 A. I don't know that to be true, no.
- 22 Q. All right. You have a problem with which one of
- 23 these techniques, sir?
- 24 A. I don't know that feature article placements,
- 25 whatever that refers to, is accurate. I don't know

- 1 what they mean by films with respect to The Tobacco
- 2 Institute's activity. Direct mail, I'm not sure what
- 3 they refer to there.
- 4 Now this entire document is -- may or may not be
- 5 accurate. I don't know who wrote it. It's --
- 6 there's no indication here anywhere that this is an
- 7 official Institute document.
- 8 Q. Sir, isn't it a fact that The Tobacco Institute
- 9 issued press releases on a fairly regular basis
- 10 concerning smoking-and-health issues?
- 11 MR. FLYNN: Objection as vague and
- 12 ambiguous.
- 13 A. I have no idea what you mean by "fairly regular
- 14 basis."
- 15 Q. All right. Isn't it a fact that The Tobacco
- 16 Institute from time to time would issue press
- 17 releases on smoking-and-health-related issues?
- 18 A. There were occasions when The Tobacco Institute
- 19 issued press releases on a smoking-and-health issue.
- 20 Q. And one of the purposes for issuing those press
- 21 releases was to get articles written up in
- 22 newspapers.
- 23 A. Yes, uh-huh.
- 24 Q. Now sir, you took exception with the -- to the
- 25 fact -- to the reference to films. Isn't it a fact

- 1 that The Tobacco Institute has films that were made
- 2 available to the public on the issue of smoking and
- 3 health?
- 4 A. We may have had at one time.
- 5 Q. Okay. Now you also took exception to the use of
- 6 direct mail by The Tobacco Institute. Isn't it a
- 7 fact that The Tobacco Institute on at least one
- 8 occasion wrote letters to presidents of various
- 9 American corporations to try and counteract
- 10 communications sent by the Secretary of Health,
- 11 Education & Welfare?
- 12 A. I don't recall that.
- 13 Q. You just don't know one way or the other; do
- 14 you, sir?
- 15 A. I don't recall that.
- 16 Q. Now sir, isn't it also true that The Tobacco
- 17 Institute from time to time would take out ads with
- 18 coupons so that the public could contact the
- 19 Institute and receive publications?
- 20 MR. FLYNN: I object to the form because
- 21 you said "isn't it also true." He's got to accept
- 22 that to answer the question. It's a dual question.
- 23 If you'd ask the next question, that would be fine.
- 24 As framed, it's a dual question.
- 25 A. Could you repeat the question?

- 1 Q. Sir, isn't it true that The Tobacco Institute
- 2 from time to time would take out ads with coupons in
- 3 them so that the public could contact the Institute
- 4 and receive various Tobacco Institute publications on
- 5 the issues of smoking and health?
- 6 A. I don't know that we ever did such advertising
- 7 on -- to promote smoking-and-health publications. If
- 8 we did, I'm unaware of it.
- 9 Q. You just don't know one way or the other if that
- 10 ever occurred.
- 11 A. I don't know.
- 12 Q. Okay. Sir, isn't it a fact that the tobacco
- 13 industry -- strike that.
- 14 Isn't it a fact that The Tobacco Institute's
- 15 position was essentially to create doubt about the
- 16 health charge without actually denying it?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 MR. FLYNN: Objection.
- 19 Q. Who was Horace Kornegay again?
- 20 A. He was the president of The Tobacco Institute.
- 21 Q. And who was Fred Panzer?
- 22 A. Fred was a vice-president of The Tobacco
- 23 Institute.
- 24 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 405 was marked
- for identification.)

- 1 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 2 Q. Sir, showing you what's been marked as
- 3 Plaintiffs' Exhibit 405, this is a document that has
- 4 several different Bates numbers. One of them is
- 5 87657703; correct?
- 6 MR. FLYNN: It's my under --
- 7 This is again another supplemental production of
- 8 documents. You're -- over 50 percent of what you've
- 9 done is the supplemental stuff. But if you're going
- 10 to ask him about this -- we're not going to go a
- 11 whole lot longer with this supplemental without the
- 12 court hearing about it -- then he's got the right to
- 13 read this because it's not been provided to us prior
- 14 to this supplemental thing.
- MS. WIVELL: I take great exception to
- 16 that. I personally copied this document and made
- 17 sure that it was provided to your office.
- 18 MR. FLYNN: In the original supplement --
- 19 in the original determination?
- 20 MS. WIVELL: Now sir, I'm going to go ahead
- 21 with this deposition, I'm not --
- MR. FLYNN: He's going to read the
- 23 document.
- MS. WIVELL: Fine. We can go off the
- 25 record and he can read it.

- 1 MR. FLYNN: I want the record to reflect
- 2 it's ten twenty -- 11:29. And I guess the reporter
- 3 is between a rock and a hard place. I want the
- 4 record to reflect it's 11:29. It's a document
- 5 produced to our office in Minneapolis Friday night.
- 6 This witness hasn't had -- needs an opportunity to
- 7 read and review this if you're going to examine him,
- 8 because it wasn't in the first --
- 9 And I'm having trouble here. Why is 80 percent
- 10 of this stuff supplemental, and -- and the -- the
- 11 other two boxes you dumped on us three days before
- 12 that, you've used about one-third of them and 80 --
- 13 70 percent of these things? But he's got the right
- 14 to read this. He's going to read the thing.
- MS. WIVELL: Fine, he can read it.
- THE REPORTER: Off the record, please.
- 17 MR. FLYNN: At 11 -- put on the record at
- 18 11:30 we're off the record.
- 19 (Discussion off the record.)
- 20 MR. FLYNN: Again, the record should
- 21 reflect that this is not a complete, integral
- 22 document.
- Was that on?
- THE REPORTER: Yes.
- MR. FLYNN: Okay.

- 1 MS. WIVELL: Well while we were off the
- 2 record we determined that it is a complete document
- 3 as produced. It is consecutively Bates numbered
- 4 87657703, 04, 05, 06, and it was produced, according
- 5 to the 4B entries, with those Bates numbers.
- 6 MR. FLYNN: By whom?
- 7 Q. Sir, you've had the opportunity --
- 8 MR. FLYNN: Wait. By whom? Is it your
- 9 assertion --
- 10 MS. WIVELL: Excuse me. This -- I'm not
- 11 having my deposition taken, and I really, really
- 12 object to you interrupting my questions to try and
- 13 question me, Mr. Flynn.
- 14 MR. FLYNN: I haven't interrupted you. I'm
- 15 trying to get straight what the background of the
- 16 document is because we got it the day before
- 17 yesterday.
- MR. GOOLD: George, we --
- MR. FLYNN: That's all right.
- 20 MR. GOOLD: -- we talked about it while you
- 21 were away.
- 22 MR. FLYNN: Let it be then. Go ahead. Ask
- 23 your question.
- 24 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 25 Q. You've had the opportunity to review Exhibit 405

- 1 while we were off the record.
- 2 A. That's correct.
- 3 Q. Now this document was written by a
- 4 vice-president of the tobacco industry -- I'm sorry.
- 5 Strike that.
- 6 This document was written by a vice-president of
- 7 The Tobacco Institute to the president of The Tobacco
- 8 Institute; correct?
- 9 A. Yes, uh-huh.
- 10 Q. All right. And it concerns the strategy that
- 11 the tobacco industry had employed for the past 20
- 12 years to defend itself; correct?
- 13 A. I must take issue with that. What it -- what it
- 14 lays out is apparently Mr. Panzer's view of that
- 15 strategy, which doesn't comport with anything I've
- 16 ever heard or read before.
- 17 Q. Well sir --
- 18 A. I'd have to conclude that he doesn't know what
- 19 he's talking about.
- 20 Q. Well Mr. Panzer was a vice-president in 1972, at
- 21 the time this memo was written; correct?
- 22 A. I don't know that.
- 23 Q. He was a vice-president of the tobacco
- 24 industry -- I'm sorry.
- You don't know whether he was a vice-president

- 1 of The Tobacco Institute in 1972 when this document
- 2 was written?
- 3 A. No, I don't. I wasn't there then.
- 4 Q. Okay. So you have no really basis -- I'm
- 5 sorry. Strike that.
- 6 Have you ever talked to Mr. Panzer about this
- 7 document?
- 8 A. No, not about this document.
- 9 Q. Did you ever talk to Mr. Kornegay about this
- 10 document?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. So would it be fair to say that you don't have
- 13 any basis for taking exception -- I'm sorry.
- You don't have any basis for knowing whether Mr.
- 15 Panzer knew or didn't know what he was talking about;
- 16 correct?
- 17 MR. FLYNN: Well objection, it's
- 18 argumentative.
- 19 A. I -- I know what I know about the industry and
- 20 what the industry has said and done in the last 21
- 21 years, so this opinion of Mr. Panzer's doesn't
- 22 dovetail with any of that in any respect that I'm
- 23 familiar with.
- 24 Q. Sir, you've seen this document before; haven't
- 25 you?

- 1 A. Yes, I have.
- 2 Q. You were shown this document at trial; weren't
- 3 you, sir?
- 4 A. I was.
- 5 Q. You were. So you have seen it before; haven't
- 6 you?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. All right. And according to this document,
- 9 which is dated 1972, for nearly 20 years the industry
- 10 had employed a single strategy to defend itself on
- 11 three major fronts; correct?
- MR. FLYNN: Objection, it speaks for
- 13 itself, but --
- 14 A. That's what it says.
- 15 Q. And the three fronts were litigation, politics
- 16 and public opinion; right?
- 17 A. That's what Mr. Panzer says.
- 18 Q. All right. And then this vice-president of The
- 19 Tobacco Institute goes on to talk about the strategy
- 20 as being brilliantly conceived and executed; right?
- 21 MR. FLYNN: Object. It assumes a set of
- 22 facts not in evidence, that he was a vice-president.
- 23 But -- the question is dual in that respect.
- MS. WIVELL: Go ahead.
- 25 A. That's what Mr. Panzer writes here.

- 1 Q. Now sir, he also goes on to discuss a holding
- 2 strategy; doesn't he?
- 3 MR. FLYNN: Again the document speaks for
- 4 itself, but --
- 5 A. There is reference to what he refers to as a
- 6 holding strategy.
- 7 Q. And the first leg of that holding strategy was,
- 8 quote, "creating doubt about the health charge
- 9 without actually denying it, " close quote. Correct?
- 10 A. That's what Mr. Panzer says.
- 11 Q. All right.
- 12 A. I've never known that to be the case, however.
- 13 Q. Move to strike the non-responsive portion of the
- 14 answer.
- Sir, isn't it true that the tobacco industry set
- 16 about to create a controversy where there was none?
- MR. FLYNN: Objection, it's argumentative.
- 18 It's so vague and ambiguous --
- 19 A. With regard to what?
- 20 Q. Let me rephrase the question.
- 21 Isn't it true that the tobacco industry set
- 22 about to create a controversy concerning the
- 23 relationship of smoking and health where there was
- 24 none?
- MR. FLYNN: Same objection.

- 1 A. That certainly is not consistent with what I
- 2 have always known and believed about the
- 3 smoking-and-health controversy.
- 4 Q. Sir, isn't it true that The Tobacco Institute
- 5 even went so far as to publish, after the Surgeon
- 6 General's report, a booklet entitled "THE CIGARETTE
- 7 CONTROVERSY: An examination of the facts by The
- 8 Tobacco Institute?"
- 9 MR. FLYNN: Objection, it's argumentative.
- 10 What do you mean "went so far?"
- 11 A. Which --
- 12 Q. Let me rephrase the question.
- 13 Isn't it true that The Tobacco Institute
- 14 published, after the Surgeon General's -- the first
- 15 Surgeon General's report, a booklet entitled, quote,
- 16 "THE CIGARETTE CONTROVERSY: An examination of the
- 17 facts...?"
- 18 A. I don't know when that publication first came
- 19 out. We've certainly responded to charges about
- 20 smoking and health leveled at the tobacco industry.
- 21 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 406 was marked
- for identification.)
- 23 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 24 Q. Sir, showing you what's been marked as
- 25 Plaintiffs' Exhibit 406, this is a document entitled,

- 1 quote, "THE CIGARETTE CONTROVERSY: An examination of
- 2 the facts by The Tobacco Institute, " close quote;
- 3 correct?
- 4 A. Yes, it is.
- 5 Q. It's dated --
- This version is dated April 16th, 1968; right?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. The Bates number of this document is
- 9 TIMN0071046; right?
- 10 A. Yes, right.
- 11 Q. This is a document you've seen before; isn't it?
- 12 A. I believe it is.
- 13 Q. And this is a -- a publication that was put out
- 14 by The Tobacco Institute to the public; right?
- 15 A. Well that's an assumption. I don't know if it
- 16 ever was put out. This would have been, what, eight
- 17 years before I got to the Institute.
- 18 Q. Did you --
- 19 A. If it was still in use then, if it had ever been
- 20 distributed, I don't know of it.
- 21 Q. Did you, knowing that this document was going to
- 22 be discussed today, do an investigation to find out
- 23 when it was first published?
- 24 A. No. That wouldn't have been possible
- 25 considering the mass of documents that you provided

- 1 us.
- 2 Q. Sir, could you turn to the page that ends with
- 3 Bates number 066.
- 4 A. All right.
- 5 Q. There the second-to-the-last complete paragraph
- 6 has an underlined sentence; doesn't it?
- 7 A. It does.
- 8 Q. And the sentence immediately preceding that
- 9 underlined sentence says, quote, "No scientific
- 10 proof, then, has been found to convict smoking as a
- 11 hazard to health, " close quote; correct?
- 12 A. Correct.
- 13 Q. All right. And it is true, isn't it, that The
- 14 Tobacco Institute has consistently in its public
- 15 statements on smoking and health taken the position
- 16 that no scientific proof had been found to
- 17 convince -- to convict smoking as a hazard to
- 18 health?
- MR. FLYNN: That's argumentative and so
- 20 broad and vague, but --
- 21 A. We have said that from time to time.
- 22 Q. And in fact you intended people who received
- 23 this publication and read it to believe what was
- 24 being said; correct?
- 25 A. Correct.

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- 1 MR. FLYNN: Objection.
- 2 Q. All right. And sir, the sentence -- the
- 3 paragraph goes on to say, quote, "The statistical,
- 4 clinical and experimental findings have not
- 5 established smoking as a cause of any disease," close
- 6 quote.
- 7 A. That -- that is correct.
- 8 Q. And in fact The Tobacco Institute intended the
- 9 people who received this publication and read it to
- 10 believe what the Tobacco Institute was saying.
- 11 MR. FLYNN: That's repetitive a fifth
- 12 time. Go ahead.
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Now this document also talks about -- I'm
- 15 sorry. Strike that.
- 16 If you turn to the second page of the document,
- 17 it starts with the question, quote, "Do cigarettes
- 18 cause disease?" Right?
- 19 A. Yes, it does.
- 20 Q. And then it goes on to try and answer that
- 21 question.
- 22 MR. FLYNN: Again it speaks for itself,
- 23 but --
- 24 A. Was there a question? Is there a question on
- 25 the table here?

- 1 Q. Yes, sir. Then it goes on to try and answer
- 2 that question; doesn't it?
- 3 A. Yes, it does.
- 4 Q. All right. And this document denies that
- 5 smoking causes premature death; doesn't it?
- 6 MR. FLYNN: Objection, it speaks for
- 7 itself.
- 8 It's so much easier to read it to him. Then we
- 9 wouldn't have your paraphrase.
- 10 A. I'd have to find that reference. I can't
- 11 immediately.
- 12 Q. All right. Well there is a -- a list of a
- 13 summary of the issues in a question-and-answer format
- 14 that appears on that page; isn't that true, sir?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. And it says, quote -- or question, "Has it been
- 17 proven that smoking cause premature death?" And the
- 18 answer that's given is no; right?
- 19 A. And a reference to another page.
- 20 Q. All right. Sir, isn't it true that The Tobacco
- 21 Institute, in giving that question and answer,
- 22 intended people to believe that smoking did not cause
- 23 premature death?
- MR. FLYNN: Objection, that's
- 25 argumentative.

- 1 A. That's -- that's not what it says. It says it
- 2 hasn't been proved that smoking causes premature
- 3 death.
- 4 Q. All right. Well let me rephrase my question.
- 5 Isn't it true that by saying that it has not
- 6 been proven that smoking causes premature death, the
- 7 tobacco industry -- I'm sorry, The Tobacco Institute
- 8 intended readers to believe that?
- 9 MR. FLYNN: Objection, it's argumentative.
- 10 A. We certainly wanted people who read that
- 11 statement to believe that statement.
- 12 Q. If you go on to the next page, the second --
- 13 there's another set of question and answers; right?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And if you look at the second set of questions
- 16 and answers, that question says, "Do statistics prove
- 17 that cigarette smoking is a cause of lung cancer,
- 18 heart disease, emphysema, bronchitis and other
- 19 diseases?" That's the question; right?
- 20 A. It is.
- 21 Q. And then it says, "No. Statistics alone cannot
- 22 prove the cause of any disease; doesn't it?
- 23 A. It does.
- 24 Q. And sir, The Tobacco Institute intended that
- 25 people who read that question and answer would

- 1 believe that.
- 2 A. We hoped they would.
- 3 Q. Now the next question and answer says, "Does the
- 4 experimental and clinical evidence prove the case
- 5 against smoking?" And the answer that's given is no;
- 6 correct?
- 7 A. Yes, with a reference to a page.
- 8 Q. All right. And isn't it a fact that The Tobacco
- 9 Institute wanted people to believe that the
- 10 experimental and clinical evidence did not prove the
- 11 case against smoking?
- 12 MR. FLYNN: Objection, that's
- 13 argumentative. It says what it says. You've now
- 14 twisted it into a negative.
- 15 A. We certainly hoped that anyone reading this
- 16 would believe just what it says.
- 17 Q. Now sir, if you go on to the next page -- I'm
- 18 sorry.
- 19 If you go on to the page that ends with Bates
- 20 number 049, --
- 21 A. All right.
- 22 Q. -- the last sentence of that page says, "What is
- 23 the truth about the cigarette controversy?" Right?
- 24 A. It does.
- 25 Q. And then The Tobacco Institute went on to set

- 1 out the truth as it saw it; right?
- 2 MR. FLYNN: That's argumentative. What do
- 3 you want him --
- 4 It's so vague, ambiguous, argumentative.
- 5 A. We -- we did set forth several facts and -- and
- 6 perspectives as we viewed them.
- 7 Q. And The Tobacco Institute intended people who
- 8 received this publication and read it to believe what
- 9 was said there; right?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Would you turn to page 23 of the document.
- MR. FLYNN: That's the Bates number or the
- 13 author number? The author number? "MORE
- 14 CHALLENGES..., " is that the page?
- MS. WIVELL: I'm looking.
- 16 Well we can strike that.
- 17 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 18 Q. Sir, isn't it true that from the beginning The
- 19 Tobacco Institute and its spokesmen have, in the
- 20 public statements that they have put forward
- 21 concerning smoking and health, have indicated The
- 22 Tobacco Institute's willingness to provide
- 23 information to fill in gaps of knowledge?
- 24 MR. FLYNN: Objection, that's so vague and
- 25 ambiguous and broad, from the beginning.

- 1 A. I don't know that that's been the case always.
- 2 Q. Well sir, at the time you joined the
- 3 Institute -- no, strike that.
- 4 Sir, isn't it true that a theme that runs
- 5 through the public statements that The Tobacco
- 6 Institute has made on smoking-and-health-related
- 7 issues, one of the themes is that the tobacco
- 8 industry is intending to fill in gaps of knowledge?
- 9 MR. FLYNN: Objection, that's
- 10 argumentative, without foundation, broad, vague.
- 11 A. I -- I couldn't agree with that the way it's
- 12 phrased.
- 13 Q. Well can you get out Exhibit 396, that ad that
- 14 features you.
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. That ad talks about filling in the blanks;
- 17 doesn't it?
- 18 A. The government's blanks.
- 19 Q. All right. And one of the themes of that ad is
- 20 that there is information out there that The Tobacco
- 21 Institute wanted to get into the hands of the public
- 22 concerning the issue of smoking and health.
- MR. FLYNN: Again it speaks for itself.
- 24 But --
- 25 A. It says the subject of smoking.

- 1 Q. Well sir, isn't it a fact that there are other
- 2 public statements that The Tobacco Institute has
- 3 issued that declared that it was the intent of the
- 4 industry to fill in the many gaps of knowledge
- 5 concerning smoking that presently exists?
- 6 A. Well while certainly The Tobacco Institute might
- 7 be able to provide some information, some
- 8 perspectives. I don't think we could fairly be
- 9 expected to fill them all in. I mean we're a trade
- 10 association. We represent the tobacco companies, we
- 11 represent their interests. Our perspectives should
- 12 represent them. We're not going to be responsible
- 13 nor do we have the obligation to present every single
- 14 piece of information on any tobacco subject.
- 15 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 407 was marked
- for identification.)
- 17 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 18 Q. Sir, showing you what's been marked as
- 19 Plaintiffs' Exhibit -- oh, I'm sorry. This has
- 20 already been marked as an exhibit. It's already been
- 21 marked as Exhibit 254.
- THE REPORTER: Let's go off the record,
- 23 please.
- 24 (Discussion off the record.)
- 25 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 407 was withdrawn

- 1 from the record.)
- 2 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 3 Q. Sir, let me start again. We have previously
- 4 marked this exhibit as 254, so we have crossed off
- 5 the 407 number and written 254 at the top of this
- 6 exhibit. Sir --
- 7 MR. FLYNN: Put the document number on so
- 8 we know.
- 9 MS. WIVELL: I'm going to.
- 10 MR. FLYNN: Okay.
- MS. WIVELL: For the record, this is
- 12 TIMN0131641-42.
- 13 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 14 Q. I have shown you Exhibit 254, which is a press
- 15 release from The Tobacco Institute; isn't it, sir?
- 16 A. Purports to be. Dated 1969, yes. Uh-huh.
- 17 Q. And it lists the contact person, William
- 18 Kloepfer, Jr.
- 19 A. It does.
- 20 Q. And he was --
- 21 He held what position?
- 22 A. He was vice-president of The Tobacco Institute.
- 23 Q. Vice-president of public relations; right?
- 24 A. Yes. Public relations, yes.
- 25 Q. And this press release is one of the types that

- 1 The Tobacco Institute would issue from time to time
- 2 on smoking-and-health-related issues; correct?
- 3 A. Well this was on a specific legislative issue.
- 4 Q. Relating to smoking and health; right?
- 5 A. Relating to cigarette labeling.
- 6 Q. And it starts out, "The nation's cigarette
- 7 makers voiced their support today for Congressional
- 8 bills to extend the smoking and health law enacted
- 9 four years ago; " right?
- 10 A. It does.
- 11 Q. Now if we turn to the second page, the theme of
- 12 what Mr. Cullman -- I'm sorry. Let me start again.
- 13 This document quotes Joseph F. Cullman 3rd,
- 14 chairman of Philip Morris and a member of the tobacco
- 15 industry's executive committee; right?
- 16 MR. FLYNN: You misspoke, it's Institute
- 17 Institute's committee, not industry.
- MS. WIVELL: Okay. Let me rephrase the
- 19 question.
- 20 Q. This document quotes Joseph F. Cullman 3rd,
- 21 chairman of Philip Morris, Inc. and of The Tobacco
- 22 Institute's executive committee.
- 23 A. Yes, it does.
- 24 Q. And had Mr. Cullman testified before Congress?
- MR. FLYNN: Are you asking if he knows

- 1 that?
- 2 A. I don't know if he had or not.
- 3 Q. It refers to him stating the industry's position
- 4 in testimony before the House Interstate and Foreign
- 5 Commerce Committee.
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Right?
- 8 A. Yes, it does.
- 9 Q. And Mr. Cullman told the committee his Institute
- 10 was profoundly conscious of questions raising --
- 11 raised concerning smoking and health; right?
- MR. FLYNN: You're quoting the document.
- 13 A. Yes, that's what the document says.
- 14 Q. And at the end of the document Mr. Cullman goes
- 15 on to say -- or goes on to give a couple of quotes
- 16 that are used in this press release; right?
- 17 A. Yes, there are several. Several quotes
- 18 attributed to Mr. Cullman are in this press release.
- 19 Q. And one of the quotes that's attributable to him
- 20 is -- begins, "We hope that governmental and private
- 21 health research agencies will not only continue--but
- 22 that they will also accelerate--their efforts to
- 23 learn the truth concerning the smoking and health
- 24 issue and to fill the many gaps in knowledge which
- 25 presently exist;" right?

1	Α.	That's an accurate reading of the quotation,
2	yes.	
3	Q.	All right.
4		MS. WIVELL: Why don't we take our lunch
5	breal	k.
6		THE REPORTER: Off the record, please.
7		(Luncheon recess taken at 12:01 o'clock
8		p.m.)
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1 AFTERNOON SESSION

- 2 (Deposition reconvened at 1:10 o'clock
- 3 p.m.)
- 4 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 5 Q. Sir, isn't it a fact that the tobacco industry
- 6 has consistently taken the position that the
- 7 questions of smoking and health is embroiled in
- 8 controversy?
- 9 MR. FLYNN: I object, it's argumentative
- 10 and so overbroad, vague.
- 11 A. Our -- our position over the years has been that
- 12 there is controversy surrounding smoking-and-health
- 13 issues.
- 14 Q. And you -- strike that.
- The tobacco industry has taken that position
- 16 even in the face of the government position to the
- 17 contrary; right?
- 18 MR. FLYNN: Object, that's argumentative,
- 19 so vague and ambiguous.
- 20 A. We -- we certainly think that we have a right to
- 21 disagree with official government pronouncements,
- 22 especially if scientists and doctors don't agree with
- 23 those official government pronouncements either.
- 24 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 407 was marked
- for identification.)

- 1 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 2 Q. Sir, showing you what's been mark as Plaintiffs'
- 3 Exhibit 407, it's a Tobacco Institute press release
- 4 dated March 12th, 1971; right?
- 5 A. That's what it looks like, yes.
- 6 Q. And the Bates number is TIMN0120570; correct?
- 7 A. It is.
- 8 Q. Now the press release starts out by saying, "The
- 9 cigarette industry declared today that the question
- 10 of smoking and health is, quote, embroiled in
- 11 controversy, close quote, and accused the Federal
- 12 Commission -- Federal Communications Commission of a,
- 13 quote, sudden turnabout, quote, when it ruled to the
- 14 contrary." Right?
- 15 A. That's what it says.
- 16 Q. And in fact this press release was sent out to
- 17 all the various newspapers and wire services; wasn't
- 18 it?
- 19 A. I don't know the extent to which it was
- 20 released.
- 21 Q. All right. But typically when TI sends out a
- 22 press release, it goes to the wire services; doesn't
- 23 it?
- 24 A. Well it may or it may not. It depends on the
- 25 nature of the release.

- 1 Q. A press release like this one would have been
- 2 sent to the wire services, national wire services;
- 3 right?
- 4 A. I just don't know, to tell you the truth.
- 5 Q. Well --
- 6 A. Even if I had been there in 1971, I don't think
- 7 I'd remember specifically where and to whom a
- 8 specific release was delivered.
- 9 Q. Well sir, isn't there a typical release list
- 10 that The Tobacco Institute has for press releases?
- 11 A. We have a distribution list for general news
- 12 releases.
- 13 Q. Who is on the --
- 14 A. It may not -- it may not always --
- Releases may not always go to everyone on that
- 16 list.
- 17 Q. But who generally is on that list, sir?
- 18 A. I'd have to refer to the list specifically to be
- 19 able to tell you. I don't think I've looked at it in
- 20 years.
- 21 Q. All right. Well what, to the best of your
- 22 recollection, are the kinds of -- of organizations
- 23 that are on the release list?
- 24 A. Obviously it would be major news media. What
- 25 specific ones, again I'd be much more comfortable if

- 1 I was able to look at the list before responding
- 2 because I just don't recall.
- 3 Q. All right. But sir, it would be fair to say
- 4 that typically when The Tobacco Institute issues a
- 5 press release, it goes to the -- whoever is on the
- 6 distribution list; right?
- 7 A. Well not necessarily. It may or it may not. It
- 8 depends upon the nature of the news release itself.
- 9 We have certainly issued news releases that don't go
- 10 to everybody on that distribution list.
- 11 Q. Sir, when The Tobacco Institute in this press
- 12 release dated nineteen ninety -- or 1971 said that
- 13 the question of smoking and health is embroiled in
- 14 controversy, it intended the people who read that
- 15 statement to believe it; isn't that true?
- MR. FLYNN: Objection as argumentative.
- 17 A. Well whenever we issue a written statement, we
- 18 would like those who are exposed to it to believe it,
- 19 certainly.
- 20 Q. You're aware that The Tobacco Institute has from
- 21 time to time issued press releases that said that
- 22 scientific research into the subject of tobacco use
- 23 and human health does not substantiate generalized
- 24 charges against smoking as a cause of cancer.
- 25 A. I don't remember that specific phrase, no.

- 1 MR. FLYNN: I'm sorry, is this one of the
- 2 supplemental things?
- 3 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 408 was marked
- 4 for identification.)
- 5 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 6 Q. Sir, showing you what's been marked as
- 7 Plaintiffs' Exhibit 408, this is a document Bates
- 8 numbered 500518708; correct?
- 9 A. That is correct.
- 10 Q. And it is a Tobacco Institute Research Committee
- 11 press release; isn't it?
- MR. FLYNN: I'm sorry, just --
- 13 A. No.
- MR. FLYNN: I want to find the document on
- 15 the list.
- MS. WIVELL: Fine, you can do so quietly
- 17 and we'll proceed with the deposition.
- MR. FLYNN: No, you won't.
- MS. WIVELL: Yes, we will.
- 20 MR. FLYNN: I have a right to see if this
- 21 document has been listed, if you'd give me the
- 22 courtesy of 10 seconds. Or tell me if it's on the
- 23 list.
- MS. WIVELL: I'm going to continue with the
- 25 deposition and we're not going to take time.

- 1 MR. FLYNN: He's not going to answer the
- 2 question until we find if the document is properly
- 3 identified. We'll wait.
- 4 MS. WIVELL: Fine, we'll go off the record
- 5 because we're not going to waste time while you do
- 6 that.
- 7 MR. FLYNN: Then tell me if it's on your
- 8 list.
- 9 MS. WIVELL: It's on one of the two lists,
- 10 Mr. Flynn.
- 11 MR. GLYNN: No. Which one? Because if
- 12 it's on the later one, the witness has the right to
- 13 review it. We've established this already.
- MS. WIVELL: Off the record.
- THE REPORTER: Off the record, please.
- 16 (Discussion off the record.)
- 17 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 18 Q. Sir, Exhibit 408 is a Tobacco Institute Research
- 19 Committee press release dated 1957; right?
- 20 A. Yes, it is.
- 21 Q. Okay. And it claims that "Extensive research
- 22 now under way into tobacco use and human health does
- 23 not substantiate generalized charges against smoking
- 24 as a cause of cancer; "right?
- 25 A. That's -- that's what Dr. Little says.

- 1 Q. All right. And this press release goes on to
- 2 say, "No substance has been found in tobacco smoke
- 3 known to cause cancer in human beings, nor is any
- 4 specific mouse carcinogen found that accounts for
- 5 biologic activity reported on skins of some
- 6 laboratory mice; " right?
- 7 A. Yes, that's one of the points that Dr. Little
- 8 makes.
- 9 Q. And sir, those points have been repeated in
- 10 Tobacco Institute press releases over the years;
- 11 haven't they?
- 12 MR. FLYNN: Objection as vague and
- 13 ambiguous.
- 14 A. Well this first point that you read -- let's
- 15 see. Certainly at least part of that has formed
- 16 portions of tobacco industry and Tobacco Institute
- 17 statements. The rest of them I'm not certain of
- 18 because I haven't looked at them.
- 19 Q. Did you look at any public statements from The
- 20 Tobacco Institute other than the ones I provided to
- 21 you before this deposition?
- 22 A. No. There simply wasn't time.
- 23 Q. Well sir, when did you first learn that you were
- 24 going to be the designee for The Tobacco Institute
- 25 for this deposition?

- 1 A. I don't recall.
- 2 Q. Was it last week?
- 3 A. I believe I told you I don't recall.
- 4 Q. Well sir, I'm asking for your best estimate,
- 5 your best recollection.
- 6 A. And I don't recall.
- 7 Q. Well sir, you knew that your deposition was
- 8 noted last month; didn't you?
- 9 A. If I could give you even a range, I'd be happy
- 10 to do so. I don't recall.
- 11 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 409 was marked
- for identification.)
- 13 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 14 Q. Sir, showing you what's been marked as
- 15 Plaintiffs' Exhibit 409, this is a -- another Tobacco
- 16 Institute Research Committee press release Bates
- 17 number 500518759, right?
- 18 MR. FLYNN: I object to the description of
- 19 the document. It's not Tobacco Institute. You've
- 20 misread the document.
- 21 MS. WIVELL: I'm sorry. Let me rephrase
- 22 the question.
- 23 Q. Sir, Exhibit 409 is a Tobacco Industry Research
- 24 Committee press release dated 1958; correct?
- 25 A. Yes, it is.

- 1 Q. And this document is Bates numbered 500518759;
- 2 right?
- 3 A. Yes, it is.
- 4 Q. Now at the bottom of the first page the claim is
- 5 made that "Experiments in various institutions in
- 6 this country and abroad with animals inhaling tobacco
- 7 smoke have failed to induce lung cancer; " correct?
- 8 MR. FLYNN: I object to your argumentative
- 9 recitation of the document, but go ahead.
- 10 A. Yes, that is a correct reading of that one
- 11 single point.
- 12 Q. All right. And sir, isn't it a fact that that
- 13 representation has also been made in tobacco industry
- 14 press releases? I'm sorry.
- 15 And is it true that that representation has also
- 16 been made in Tobacco Institute press releases?
- 17 A. I think in -- in some form or another that
- 18 sentiment has probably been expressed in Tobacco
- 19 Institute press releases.
- 20 Q. And what --
- 21 A. Attributing it to scientists who have made that
- 22 observation.
- 23 Q. And when that observation was made in Tobacco
- 24 Institute press releases, The Tobacco Institute
- 25 intended the reader to believe that statement; isn't

- 1 that true?
- 2 A. Clearly --
- 3 MR. FLYNN: Objection. Go ahead. I object
- 4 as argumentative, but go ahead.
- 5 A. Clearly we hoped that anyone who read a
- 6 statement from the Institute or read one of our
- 7 publications would believe it.
- 8 Q. Now if you look at the second page of Exhibit
- 9 409, the claim is made that "Compelling doubts have
- 10 been raised about the statistics and their
- 11 interpretations involving smoking and health;"
- 12 right?
- 13 MR. FLYNN: I object to your reference
- 14 without the preface to this statement. But subject
- 15 to that, he can answer.
- 16 A. That is one of the statements made on that page,
- 17 yes.
- 18 Q. And that's claimed to be a fact; isn't it, sir?
- 19 MR. FLYNN: The document speaks for itself,
- 20 objection on that basis. This is a Reynolds
- 21 document.
- THE WITNESS: It's claimed to be.
- 23 A. Yes, it is.
- 24 Q. And sir, that statement has also been made in
- 25 Tobacco Institute press releases; hasn't it?

- 1 MR. FLYNN: Objection, argumentative, vague
- 2 and ambiguous. That specific statement?
- 3 A. No, it's -- I --
- I think it would be unfair of me, or you for
- 5 that matter, to suggest that that specific statement
- 6 was ever made in a Tobacco Institute document. I
- 7 think that it's quite true that the sense of that may
- 8 have been conveyed in a Tobacco Institute news
- 9 release, again quoting experts in the field.
- 10 Q. Now sir, when The Tobacco Institute issued press
- 11 releases like these last two exhibits --
- 12 MR. FLYNN: Well I object. Those aren't
- 13 issued by The Tobacco Institute.
- MS. WIVELL: I didn't say they were.
- MR. FLYNN: Well I object to your
- 16 characterization.
- 17 Q. When The Tobacco Institute issued press releases
- 18 on the issue of smoking and health, it hoped that
- 19 stories would be placed in newspapers throughout the
- 20 country that repeated those statements.
- MR. FLYNN: Object as argumentative.
- 22 A. I think that is a -- an improper
- 23 characterization. We would issue a news release
- 24 summarizing our views on a subject in the hope that
- 25 it would inform a reporter. The reporter then, of

- 1 course, and the editor, are free to decide what goes
- 2 into a story and how it's distributed, if it is at
- 3 all. We don't place stories in that regard. We have
- 4 no ability to do that.
- 5 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 410 was marked
- 6 for identification.)
- 7 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 8 Q. Sir, showing you what's been marked as
- 9 Plaintiffs' Exhibit 410, at the top it says
- 10 "Distribution of the" -- I'm sorry. Let me identify
- 11 it for the record first.
- This is a document Bates numbered 500507949;
- 13 correct?
- 14 A. It is.
- 15 Q. All right. And it says at the top,
- 16 "Distribution of the October issue of Tobacco and
- 17 Health resulted in widespread publicity for several
- 18 important scientific studies. The Tobacco
- 19 Institute's new statements were also widely
- 20 reported." Correct?
- 21 A. That's what it says, yes.
- 22 Q. And one of the -- I'm sorry. Strike that.
- 23 Underneath that heading there are xerox copies
- 24 of four different news articles which ran in four
- 25 different newspapers throughout the country; right?

- 1 A. I don't think I would characterize them that
- 2 way. They're not all different in the first place.
- 3 Q. Well there's a story from the Austin, Texas
- 4 newspaper; right?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And then there's a story from the News Tribune
- 7 in Duluth, Minnesota; right?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And that story starts out by referencing the
- 10 tobacco industry --
- 11 MR. FLYNN: No, Institute.
- MS. WIVELL: I'm sorry.
- MR. FLYNN: You're misreading it.
- MS. WIVELL: Let me restate that.
- 15 Q. And the story from the Duluth News Tribune
- 16 references The Tobacco Institute; correct?
- 17 A. Well they both do.
- 18 Q. Well I'm focusing on the story from the Duluth,
- 19 Minnesota paper.
- 20 A. All right.
- 21 Q. All right? And that starts out, "The Tobacco
- 22 Institute said Thursday a new review by scientists
- 23 gave six reasons why the, quote, cigarette theory,
- 24 quote, has been overestimated as a cause of lung
- 25 cancer."

- 1 MR. FLYNN: It's "overstressed." I don't
- 2 know why you're misreading it.
- 3 MS. WIVELL: Let me rephrase the question.
- 4 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 5 Q. "The Tobacco" -- I'm sorry.
- 6 The story from the Duluth News Tribune starts
- 7 out by saying, quote, "The Tobacco Institute said
- 8 Thursday a new review of scientists gave six reasons
- 9 why, quote, the cigarette theory, quote, has been
- 10 overstressed as a cause of lung cancer; " right?
- 11 A. That is correct.
- 12 Q. And sir, isn't it a fact that there was a press
- 13 release from The Tobacco Institute that gave the
- 14 information that's printed in this story?
- 15 A. I have no idea. I mean this -- this story comes
- 16 from United Press International.
- 17 Q. And that's the wire --
- 18 A. Where they received their information originally
- 19 I have no idea. Can't tell from this.
- 20 Q. That's a wire service; isn't it, sir?
- 21 A. Yes, it is.
- 22 Q. UPI? Okay.
- 23 And sir, if The Tobacco Institute had issued a
- 24 press release -- no, strike that.
- 25 Did The Tobacco Institute collect stories that

- 1 were published that referenced press releases they
- 2 had issued?
- 3 A. Among the newspaper stories which were collected
- 4 on our behalf by third parties, there would have been
- 5 stories which mentioned Tobacco Institute statements
- 6 or news releases.
- 7 Q. Who were the third parties you were just
- 8 referencing?
- 9 A. News clipping services.
- 10 Q. Any other third party?
- 11 A. That's what I was thinking of.
- 12 Q. So it's fair to say that The Tobacco Institute
- 13 employed a news clipping service?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. One or more?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Who was the news clipping service?
- 18 A. Burrell's, I believe.
- 19 Q. And would you explain to the ladies and
- 20 gentlemen of the jury what a news clipping service is
- 21 in case they don't know?
- 22 A. Well it's a service that peruses a number of
- 23 newspapers, depending upon the client's wishes,
- 24 looking for stories which mention the client or an
- 25 item at issue the client is interested in. Those

- 1 newspaper clippings are then forwarded to -- to the
- 2 client.
- 3 Q. And does that fall under your area of
- 4 responsibility as director of communications with The
- 5 Tobacco Institute?
- 6 A. It does not. I am only vaguely familiar with it
- 7 through my contact with colleagues.
- 8 Q. I'd like to get back to the issue of the press
- 9 releases that The Tobacco Institute issued.
- 10 Isn't it true that The Tobacco Institute issued
- 11 press releases that said that the Institute was
- 12 vitally interested in getting the facts that will
- 13 provide answers to the questions about smoking and
- 14 health?
- 15 A. If you've got a news release that says that, I'd
- 16 be happy to look at it. But I don't remember
- 17 specifically.
- 18 Q. You don't have any recollection of any press
- 19 releases that made those kinds of claims.
- 20 A. Not specifically. But as I said, if you have
- 21 one, I'd be happy to look at it.
- 22 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 411 was marked
- for identification.)
- 24 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 25 Q. Sir, showing you what's been marked as

- 1 Plaintiffs' Exhibit 411, it is a document Bates
- 2 numbered TIMN0118245; correct?
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 Q. And it is a Tobacco Institute press release
- 5 dated November 3rd, 1963; correct?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 Q. And it's entitled "TOBACCO INSTITUTE CONFIDENT
- 8 RESEARCH WILL FIND ANSWERS, GEORGE ALLEN SAYS."
- 9 MR. FLYNN: You misread it again. Says
- 10 "TOBACCO INDUSTRY," not "INSTITUTE."
- 11 MS. WIVELL: I'm sorry. Not doing that
- 12 deliberately. Let me start again.
- 13 Q. And it's entitled "TOBACCO INDUSTRY CONFIDENT
- 14 RESEARCH WILL FIND ANSWERS, GEORGE ALLEN SAYS;"
- 15 right?
- 16 A. That is correct.
- 17 Q. George Allen was at this time president of The
- 18 Tobacco Institute; right?
- 19 A. Yes, he was.
- 20 Q. And do you see, approximately two-thirds of the
- 21 way down the page, Mr. Allen states, quote, "We are
- 22 vitally interested in getting the facts that will
- 23 provide answers to questions about smoking and
- 24 health?"
- 25 A. Correct.

- 1 Q. He goes on to say, "We also want full knowledge
- 2 about the causes of those diseases with which smoking
- 3 has been statistically associated; " right?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Now sir, when The Tobacco Institute president
- 6 made that statement, it was the Institute's purpose
- 7 to have anyone who read it believe that; right?
- 8 A. That would have been one of the purposes, yes.
- 9 Q. Could you turn to the second page. There Mr.
- 10 Allen is quoted in the middle of the page as saying,
- 11 "We also know, and people sometimes forget, that
- 12 there are some good reasons why the theories about
- 13 smoking and health problems are often questioned by
- 14 responsible scientists." Did I read that correctly?
- 15 A. Yes, you did.
- 16 Q. And in fact that was a theme that there were
- 17 questions raised by responsible scientists about the
- 18 relationship of smoking-and-health problems that
- 19 appear in many of The Tobacco Institute press
- 20 releases; right?
- 21 MR. FLYNN: I object. That's so vague and
- 22 ambiguous, I don't know how it could be answered.
- 23 But if you can, answer it.
- 24 A. Well certainly The Tobacco Institute in its
- 25 press releases would from time to time quote

- 1 scientists who -- who expressed views that were
- 2 contrary to, for example, the Surgeon General's
- 3 report, or other criticisms of smoking and health.
- 4 Q. And when you did so, you intended people who
- 5 would read those statements to believe what you were
- 6 saying; right?
- 7 A. Yes, uh-huh.
- 8 Q. Now Mr. Allen is quoted, going on, to say that
- 9 "The case against smoking still rests largely on
- 10 statistical studies, whose meanings are questioned by
- 11 leading medical statisticians; " right?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. You intended people to believe that when the
- 14 Tobacco Institute said it.
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Okay. And it goes on to say, "Inhalation of
- 17 tobacco smoke by laboratory animals in many
- 18 experiments over the years has consistently failed to
- 19 produce lung cancer;" isn't that right?
- 20 A. That's what it says, yes.
- 21 Q. And you intended people reading this press
- 22 release or stories written from this press release to
- 23 believe that statement; didn't you?
- 24 A. Yes, if there were any stories written as a
- 25 result of the press release.

- 1 Q. Now the document goes on to quote Mr. Allen to
- 2 say, "Extensive chemical tests have failed to
- 3 identify any substance, as found in cigarette smoke,
- 4 that accounts for lung cancers," isn't that right?
- 5 A. That's what it says, yes.
- 6 Q. And in fact it was The Tobacco Institute's
- 7 intent that people would have confidence in that
- 8 statement; right?
- 9 MR. FLYNN: I object, it's now
- 10 argumentative, but --
- 11 You've now changed "believed" to "confident,"
- 12 but --
- 13 A. Our -- our goal certainly was to present
- 14 perspectives that we hoped people would listen to,
- 15 believe. Whether they did or not I think is open for
- 16 question. But I think that we were entitled to
- 17 present our viewpoints in an accurate, responsible
- 18 manner, which we did.
- 19 Q. So if -- if The Tobacco Institute had
- 20 information available to it which contradicted any of
- 21 these statements, it would have wanted to share that
- 22 information; wouldn't it?
- MR. FLYNN: That's argumentative, and
- 24 objectionable on that basis.
- 25 A. It's certainly --

- 1 That's highly speculative. I just can't imagine
- 2 that we would regard any information that might run
- 3 contrary to the industry's views as substantial
- 4 enough to warrant inclusion in one of our press
- 5 releases.
- 6 Q. Well the information that was included in your
- 7 press releases came from a variety of different
- 8 sources; didn't it?
- 9 A. Yes, it probably did. I don't know for certain,
- 10 but I -- let's say for the sake of argument you're
- 11 right.
- 12 Q. All right. Well you would agree that sometimes
- 13 the information came from published literature;
- 14 right?
- 15 A. Scientific literature.
- 16 Q. Yeah.
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And sometimes the information came from the
- 19 companies that made up The Tobacco Institute; right?
- 20 A. Yes, that would be true.
- 21 Q. And sometimes the information came from
- 22 governmental publications; didn't it?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. Can you think of any other sources?
- 25 A. Well other tobacco trade sources certainly. I

- 1 believe you mentioned federal government sources. It
- 2 could also come from state and local sources,
- 3 depending on the issue.
- 4 Q. All right. But you would agree that The Tobacco
- 5 Institute wanted to try and provide people who heard
- 6 or read its public statement the true facts about the
- 7 smoking-and-health issue; correct?
- 8 A. Well we certainly wanted people to understand
- 9 what the industry's perspectives were. We thought
- 10 that there were things they weren't hearing, they
- 11 weren't understanding. They didn't know what our
- 12 views were. That was one of the reasons why we spoke
- 13 out on a number of these subjects.
- 14 Q. Well didn't The Tobacco Institute specifically
- 15 say that it wanted to provide the true facts to the
- 16 public?
- 17 A. We certainly would provide true facts. Not
- 18 every single one of them. We certainly would provide
- 19 true facts to the public.
- 20 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 412 was marked
- 21 for identification.)
- 22 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 23 Q. Sir, showing you what's been marked as
- 24 Plaintiffs' Exhibit 412, this is another Tobacco
- 25 Institute press release; isn't it?

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- 1 A. Let's see. It appears to be.
- 2 MR. FLYNN: Just take the time to read it
- 3 if you want. It's only one page.
- 4 THE WITNESS: Okay. I was looking at the
- 5 date.
- 6 A. All right.
- 7 Q. You had the opportunity to read Exhibit 412?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. For the record, the Bates number is 500008079.
- 10 Now sir --
- 11 MR. FLYNN: It's an R. J. Reynolds
- 12 document.
- 13 Q. It starts out, "TOBACCO INSTITUTE STATEMENT;"
- 14 doesn't it, sir?
- 15 A. It does.
- 16 Q. And then it says, "In response to inquiries,
- 17 George V. Allen, President of The Tobacco Institute,
- 18 today issued the following statement," then it sets
- 19 forth the statement; doesn't it?
- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 Q. And that statement includes "The cigarette
- 22 industry's position, that of thoughtful, responsible
- 23 consideration of all the questions which have been
- 24 raised regarding smoking and health."
- MR. FLYNN: Well you -- objection.

- 1 MS. WIVELL: Let me -- I'm going to
- 2 withdraw that question.
- 3 Q. And Mr. Allen said that "The cigarette
- 4 industry's position has been, and is, that of
- 5 thoughtful, responsible consideration of all the
- 6 questions which have been raised regarding smoking
- 7 and health;" right?
- 8 A. That's part of the statement, yes, it is.
- 9 Q. And you understood that that -- that is The
- 10 Tobacco Institute's position today; isn't it?
- 11 A. I don't know if it was -- if it's been expressed
- 12 that way specifically. I'd have to think about it.
- 13 Q. Well do you believe that The Tobacco Institute
- 14 does not hold that position today?
- 15 A. The converse is not necessarily true, as you
- 16 well know.
- 17 I think, generally speaking, that would be as
- 18 true today as it was in 1965.
- 19 Q. All right. The next sentence -- I'm sorry.
- 20 Strike that.
- In the next sentence Mr. Allen says, "The
- 22 industry will continue forcefully its support of
- 23 responsible research efforts to establish the true
- 24 facts;" right?
- 25 A. That's correct.

- 1 Q. And sir, wouldn't you agree that The Tobacco
- 2 Institute has publicly repeated that from time to
- 3 time, that they were attempting to establish the true
- 4 facts concerning the smoking-and-health issue?
- 5 MR. FLYNN: I object, it's vague and
- 6 ambiguous and convoluted. I don't know what you're
- 7 talking about, the industry or the Institute.
- 8 If you can answer it, you can answer it.
- 9 A. Well I don't want there to be any -- any
- 10 confusion because I think this sentence and the way
- 11 you present it may be subject to some
- 12 misinterpretation. The Tobacco Institute is not now
- 13 and never has been a research-funding organization,
- 14 so we don't fund scientific research. I think there
- 15 is some possible implication in your question that we
- 16 do. We don't.
- 17 The tobacco industry, however, has funded
- 18 scientific research, is my impression, and that may
- 19 be what Mr. Allen was referring to.
- 20 Q. All right. Just so we're clear here, The
- 21 Tobacco Institute has never had a research director;
- 22 has it?
- 23 A. We've never funded research, scientific research
- 24 on smoking and health, so there wouldn't be a -- a
- 25 need for us to have someone in charge of research.

- 1 Q. And you would agree that The Tobacco Institute
- 2 has never sponsored or conducted research on
- 3 cigarettes and cancer.
- 4 A. To the best of my knowledge we've never done any
- 5 scientific research of that -- of that sort.
- 6 Q. And The Tobacco Institute has never sponsored or
- 7 conducted research on cigarettes and heart disease.
- 8 A. We've never done any medical research on that
- 9 subject either.
- 10 Q. And The Tobacco Institute has never sponsored or
- 11 conducted research on cigarettes and arterial
- 12 sclerosis.
- 13 A. To the best of my knowledge, we've not done or
- 14 funded research on that subject either.
- 15 Q. And The Tobacco Institute has never sponsored or
- 16 conducted research on cigarettes and stroke.
- 17 A. My answer is the same as that -- with respect to
- 18 that. I don't believe we've ever done medical
- 19 research on stroke.
- 20 Q. And The Tobacco Institute has never sponsored or
- 21 conducted research on cigarettes and emphysema.
- 22 A. I don't believe we've ever funded research on
- 23 that subject either.
- 24 Q. And The Tobacco Institute has never sponsored or
- 25 conducted research on cigarettes and chronic

- 1 obstructive pulmonary disease.
- 2 A. I don't believe we've conducted or funded
- 3 research on COPD either.
- 4 Q. And COPD is the acronym for chronic obstructive
- 5 pulmonary disease; right?
- 6 A. Yes, it is.
- 7 Q. And in fact The Tobacco Institute has never
- 8 funded or sponsored any study on the health risks of
- 9 cigarettes; has it?
- 10 A. We've never done any medical or scientific
- 11 research on any of the diseases that have been
- 12 associated with smoking.
- 13 Q. And The Tobacco Institute has never funded any
- 14 research on those issues; has it?
- 15 A. Not to the best of my knowledge.
- 16 Q. But The Tobacco Institute continued through the
- 17 '70s, '80s and '90s to provide publications to the
- 18 public on the issue of cigarettes and smoking and
- 19 health; didn't it?
- 20 A. I think that's an incorrect characterization of
- 21 the timeframe.
- 22 Q. All right. How would you limit the time?
- 23 A. I believe that we provided pamphlets and
- 24 longer-form summaries of our industry's view of
- 25 smoking-and-health issues, I believe through the

- 1 early to perhaps the mid-'80s.
- 2 Q. So your problem with my former question was that
- 3 it's just not done in this -- it has not been done in
- 4 this decade?
- 5 A. I am confident we've not done any such
- 6 publications in the '90s, and it may be more than a
- 7 decade since we've provided anything along that line.
- 8 Q. Would it be fair to say that The Tobacco
- 9 Institute through the '60s, '70s, at least till the
- 10 mid-'80s, provided publications on the subject of
- 11 smoking and health to the public?
- 12 A. We did provide some publications on
- 13 smoking-and-health issues during that period of
- 14 time. You know, it wasn't meant to be exhaustive,
- 15 but it certainly did provide some of the industry's
- 16 viewpoints on -- on some of the issues of
- 17 controversy.
- 18 Q. And when it provided those viewpoints on the
- 19 issues of controversy, it intended that people who
- 20 read or heard those viewpoints would believe them.
- 21 A. We wanted people to read what we had to say. We
- 22 wanted them to believe what we said. We thought that
- 23 a full, free and informed discussion of these issues
- 24 was very much in the public interest.
- 25 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 413 was marked

- for identification.)
- 2 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 3 Q. Sir, showing you what's been marked Plaintiffs'
- 4 Exhibit 413, this is a Tobacco Institute publication;
- 5 isn't it, sir?
- 6 A. Yes, it is, I believe.
- 7 Q. And you can tell that by looking at the last
- 8 page of the document; can't you?
- 9 MR. FLYNN: Same last page? What's the
- 10 last page you have?
- 11 Okay. That's number 257?
- 12 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 13 A. That's correct, among others.
- 14 Q. Now the title of this publication is "The
- 15 cigarette controversy, eight questions and answers;"
- 16 right?
- 17 A. Yes, it is.
- 18 Q. For the record, the Bates number of this
- 19 document begins at TIMN300233; right?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Now this is a publication that The Tobacco
- 22 Institute provided to the public in the belief that
- 23 many controversial questions concerning smoking and
- 24 health must ultimately be answered by further
- 25 research and new knowledge, and that full, free and

- 1 informed public discussion was essential in the
- 2 public interest; correct?
- 3 A. That's not an exact reading, but it's a summary.
- 4 Q. Well I essentially paraphrased the statement
- 5 that's on the second page of Exhibit 413; right?
- 6 A. Yes. It was a paraphrase, you're correct.
- 7 Q. And The Tobacco Institute did intend that the
- 8 information there would inform the public; right?
- 9 A. Inform the public of our points of view, yes.
- 10 Q. Okay. Now if you'd turn to the page that ends
- 11 with Bates number 235.
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. It starts out, "For many adults, cigarette
- 14 smoking is one of life's pleasures; " right?
- 15 A. It does.
- 16 Q. Then it goes on to say, "Does it cause illness--
- 17 even death? No one knows."
- 18 A. That is correct.
- 19 Q. You wanted people who read this publication to
- 20 believe that; didn't you?
- 21 MR. FLYNN: I object as argumentative. And
- 22 it takes one statement. But subject to the
- 23 objection, answer the question.
- 24 A. We believed that that statement was fully
- 25 supported by the text and by the voluminous

- 1 references which were attached. We thought that
- 2 people were entitled to hear that information. We
- 3 hoped they might believe it.
- 4 Q. Then The Tobacco Institute document goes on to
- 5 say, "The case against smoking is based almost
- 6 entirely on inferences drawn from statistics and no
- 7 causal relation has been actually -- has actually
- 8 been established; " right?
- 9 MR. FLYNN: You want him to affirm you read
- 10 it accurately?
- 11 A. "...and no causal relationship has actually been
- 12 established." I believe you dropped a word or two
- 13 there.
- MR. FLYNN: What's the question?
- MS. WIVELL: I'll go back and restate it.
- 16 Q. And then the -- the document goes on to state,
- 17 "The case against smoking is based almost entirely on
- 18 inferences drawn from statistics and no causal
- 19 relationship has actually been established;" isn't
- 20 that right?
- 21 A. Yes. That's part of the statement.
- 22 Q. All right. And The Tobacco Institute intended
- 23 people who read that statement to believe it; didn't
- 24 they?
- 25 A. Certainly, keeping in mind the fact that it's

- 1 part and parcel of a larger context with plenty of
- 2 scientific support as evidenced by the citations.
- 3 Q. If you'd go on to the next page of the document,
- 4 there on page six the question is posed: "Does
- 5 smoking cause disease?" And it's answered. Isn't
- 6 that right, sir?
- 7 MR. FLYNN: Well objection. It speaks for
- 8 itself. It's not answered, but it's commented on.
- 9 A. The question is, quote, "Does smoking cause
- 10 disease, question mark. That question is still an
- 11 open one, " close quote.
- 12 Q. And you would agree that at the time that this
- 13 document was published, The Tobacco Institute wanted
- 14 people to believe that the question of whether
- 15 smoking caused disease was an open question.
- 16 A. I think the question was an open one according
- 17 to many people in medicine and science, and we wanted
- 18 people to know that and understand that. We hoped
- 19 they'd believe it.
- 20 Q. It would be reasonable for them to do so;
- 21 wouldn't it, sir?
- 22 A. I don't know what is reasonable for people to --
- 23 for me to expect people to believe, but we certainly
- 24 hoped that they'd be interested enough in it to read
- 25 it and hoped they would believe it.

- 1 Q. Now if you look at page 18 of the document
- 2 there's a title "Contradiction after
- 3 contradiction." Do you see that, sir?
- 4 A. I do.
- 5 Q. And it goes on to say, "The smoking and health
- 6 figures are, in fact, a mine of contradictions and
- 7 paradoxes;" right?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Is that a -- was -- I'm sorry, strike that.
- 10 Was that a true statement at the time it was
- 11 made?
- 12 A. Well I would imagine it was. This was 1970, I
- 13 believe, this document was produced?
- 14 MR. FLYNN: Somebody pencilled that on the
- 15 front of the document, but I can't find a date.
- 16 A. I don't know if that's -- if that's an accurate
- 17 date or not. We weren't in the habit of putting
- 18 things in our documents that weren't true at the
- 19 time.
- 20 Q. If you turn to page 24, the statement is made
- 21 there that "...much of the statistical research now
- 22 used to condemn smoking is flawed, contradictory, and
- 23 vulnerable to challenge; " right?
- 24 A. Oh, this third point?
- 25 Q. Yes.

- 1 MR. FLYNN: Where -- what page are you on,
- 2 20 --
- 3 A. This is one of the five facts that we're setting
- 4 forward?
- 5 That's what it says, yes.
- 6 Q. And sir, The Tobacco Institute intended anyone
- 7 who read this statement to believe that much of the
- 8 statistical research used to condemn smoking was
- 9 flawed and contradictory and vulnerable to challenge;
- 10 right?
- 11 A. We hoped that they'd believe it.
- 12 Q. If you turn to page 37 of the document, do you
- 13 see the statement, "What are the tobacco people doing
- 14 about smoking and health?"
- 15 A. Yes, I see that.
- 16 Q. That question is answered in the first statement
- 17 on page 38; right?
- 18 A. "A great deal. Far more, in fact, than most
- 19 people realize..." and so forth?
- 20 Q. Yes, sir.
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And that "and so forth" says "The tobacco
- 23 industry has mounted no publicity campaign about the
- 24 research it has been supporting with respect to the
- 25 smoking and health controversy; " right?

- 1 A. That's what it says.
- 2 Q. Now the tobacco industry had mounted a publicity
- 3 campaign; hadn't it?
- 4 MR. FLYNN: Well that's argumentative,
- 5 but --
- 6 A. I don't -- I don't know if it had anything to do
- 7 with smoking and health. I don't know what -- what
- 8 it may have had to do with a statement in this
- 9 document either.
- 10 Q. Well sir, we've seen documents here today that
- 11 show that the tobacco industry formed The Tobacco
- 12 Institute in order to mount a publicity campaign;
- 13 didn't we?
- MR. FLYNN: Objection, it's argumentative.
- 15 That stuff speaks for itself. If you want to show it
- 16 to him again, he can affirm that. Whatever it said,
- 17 it said.
- 18 A. I -- I can't agree with your statement.
- 19 MR. FLYNN: I don't think those were
- 20 Tobacco Institute documents.
- 21 Q. Well sir, we have seen documents here from the
- 22 presidents of some of the major tobacco companies who
- 23 were members of The Tobacco Institute that suggest
- 24 that The Tobacco Institute was formed to mount a
- 25 publicity campaign that was pro cigarette; is that

- 1 right?
- MR. FLYNN: Objection, it's argumentative,
- 3 it's vague and ambiguous, and the record speaks for
- 4 itself. It's really inappropriate to ask the witness
- 5 to recall the testimony.
- 6 MS. WIVELL: I object to your speaking
- 7 objections.
- 8 MR. FLYNN: Well you can object all you
- 9 want. It's still inappropriate to have a witness
- 10 recall testimony and affirm your paraphrasing of what
- 11 prior testimony was. You're at liberty to ask all
- 12 the questions you want, but that's not an appropriate
- 13 question. If you want to re-ask it, you've been
- 14 doing a lot of that, you can re-ask the question.
- 15 A. If you have a document you'd care to show me,
- 16 I'd be happy to look at it.
- 17 Q. Sir, would you get out Exhibit 397. Would you
- 18 turn to the second page. And under the heading "The
- 19 Industry's Position," doesn't it say, quote, "They
- 20 feel that they should sponsor a public relations
- 21 campaign which is positive in nature and is entirely,
- 22 quote, pro-cigarettes, " close quote?
- 23 A. Well that -- that's certainly what it says.
- 24 This --
- 25 Q. Thank you, sir.

- 1 A. This document may or may not reflect what
- 2 actually occurred.
- 3 Q. Move to strike the non-responsive comments.
- 4 Sir, isn't it a fact that The Tobacco Institute
- 5 issued press releases that contradicted statements
- 6 made by research groups including the American Heart
- 7 Association on the relationship of smoking and
- 8 health?
- 9 MR. FLYNN: Objection, it's argumentative,
- 10 vague and ambiguous.
- 11 A. If -- if we did, I'd like to take a look at them
- 12 if you have them there.
- 13 Q. You don't recall seeing any in preparation for
- 14 your deposition today?
- 15 A. No, I do not.
- 16 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 414 was marked
- for identification.)
- 18 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 19 Q. Sir, showing you what's been marked as
- 20 Plaintiffs' Exhibit 414, this is a document Bates
- 21 numbered TIKU000009859, but also is Bates numbered
- 22 TIMN0131089; right?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. Okay. And this document was issued by The
- 25 Tobacco Institute; right?

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- 1 MR. FLYNN: I'm sorry.
- 2 A. No, it was not.
- 3 MR. FLYNN: Just --
- 4 Q. I'm sorry. This was issued by United Feature
- 5 Syndicate for The Tobacco Institute; correct?
- 6 MR. FLYNN: Just a moment. I just need to
- 7 find the document on the list. Just a moment,
- 8 please.
- 9 Can you speed it up and tell me what list you're
- 10 on?
- MS. WIVELL: It's there.
- MR. FLYNN: Do you have it?
- 13 MR. DAVIES: I -- I don't see it. I'm sure
- 14 it's somewhere, but --
- MS. WIVELL: Well let's go off the record
- 16 while you find it.
- 17 THE REPORTER: Off the record, please.
- 18 (Discussion off the record.)
- 19 MR. FLYNN: By my clock, we adjourned at
- 20 2:05, 2:06; it's now 2:13.
- 21 MS. WIVELL: Well just for the record, you
- 22 don't keep the official record, the court reporter
- 23 does.
- MR. FLYNN: The problem is that if we get
- 25 into a fight about the time for reading these things,

- 1 I just want to have the record made.
- 2 MS. WIVELL: Well actually I took a
- 3 bathroom break, and I think I'm allowed to do that.
- 4 MR. FLYNN: I understand. I just want to
- 5 show the time. I'm not objecting to any break we
- 6 take, just the time taken.
- 7 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 8 Q. Sir, do you have Exhibit 414 in front of you?
- 9 A. Ah, yes.
- 10 Q. All right. And that is a document issued by
- 11 United Feature Syndicate, Inc. for The Tobacco
- 12 Institute; correct?
- 13 A. Not for The Tobacco Institute, I don't believe.
- 14 I don't know where it says that.
- 15 Q. Well sir, isn't it a fact that this particular
- 16 document sets forth the position of the American
- 17 Heart Association and a rebuttal by William Kloepfer,
- 18 vice-president of The Tobacco Institute?
- MR. FLYNN: He needs to look at the
- 20 document to answer your description, so take the time
- 21 to look at it.
- 22 Q. Well sir, doesn't the third paragraph of the
- 23 first page say, "Now, with February designated as
- 24 American Heart Month, Dr. Jesse E. Edwards, president
- 25 of the American Heart Association, presents his views

- 1 on the subject. William Kloepfer, Jr.,
- 2 vice-president of The Tobacco Institute, offers a
- 3 rebuttal in a timely series, CIGARETTES AND HEALTH:
- 4 A NEW LOOK AT THE EVIDENCE."
- 5 A. That's what it says. It also says that Dr.
- 6 Edwards' article was one of three presented by the
- 7 American Heart Association, and the Institute
- 8 submitted one article.
- 9 Q. All right. And that article is found beginning
- 10 at the page Bates numbered 1101; right?
- 11 A. I'll have that look where --
- 12 0131101, yes.
- 13 Q. All right. And that begins the article provided
- 14 by The Tobacco Institute; correct?
- 15 A. That is a portion provided by The Tobacco
- 16 Institute apparently, yes.
- 17 Q. Now there is a beginning -- little portion at
- 18 the bottom of the first page that says, "WHERE
- 19 THERE'S SMOKE, dot dot, is there a health hazard?
- 20 The American Heart Association says there definitely
- 21 is. The tobacco industry asserts that no adequate
- 22 scientific proof exists to support the claim."
- 23 A. I'm sorry, I don't know where you are now.
- 24 Q. Right down here at the bottom of the first page.
- 25 A. Okay.

- 1 MR. FLYNN: Take the time to read it
- 2 because she wants you to affirm she's read it right,
- 3 I guess.
- 4 A. Yes, that appears to be a promotional device of
- 5 some sort the Feature Syndicate was using.
- 6 Q. All right, sir.
- Well you would agree that The Tobacco Institute
- 8 essentially asserted from the time it was established
- 9 in 1957 and -- and asserts today that there is no
- 10 adequate scientific proof that supports an
- 11 association between health hazards and smoking.
- 12 MR. FLYNN: Object.
- 13 A. No, I would not.
- 14 Q. So --
- 15 A. That's improperly phrased.
- 16 Q. All right. So you would agree that there is an
- 17 association between health hazards and smoking?
- 18 MR. FLYNN: Objection, it's argumentative
- 19 and it's so vague and ambiguous. If you can address
- 20 it as phrased, do so.
- 21 A. Again, I don't believe that is an accurate
- 22 appraisal of our industry position.
- 23 Q. Well I'm asking you, since you're the
- 24 spokesperson for The Tobacco Institute here today,
- 25 does The Tobacco Institute here today believe that

- 1 there is an association between smoking and disease?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. That there is an association. All right.
- 4 Now is there scientific proof -- strike that.
- 5 Today, as you sit here, does The Tobacco
- 6 Institute believe that there is scientific proof
- 7 supporting the claim of an association between
- 8 disease and smoking?
- 9 A. Well if your question is does The Tobacco
- 10 Institute believe that it has been scientifically
- 11 established that smoking causes disease, the answer
- 12 is no.
- 13 Q. And sir, that is the position that The Tobacco
- 14 Institute took back in 1957 when it was initially
- 15 established; isn't that true?
- 16 A. Well we were initially established in 1958.
- 17 Q. I'm sorry. Let me rephrase the question.
- 18 And that is the position that The Tobacco
- 19 Institute took back in 1958 when it was initially
- 20 established; isn't that true?
- 21 A. Frankly, I don't know what the position was in
- 22 1958.
- 23 Q. Sir -- strike that.
- 24 Sir, does The Tobacco Institute believe that
- 25 smoking causes disease?

- 1 A. The Tobacco Institute does not believe that it's
- 2 ever been established that smoking is causally
- 3 related to human disease.
- 4 Q. And sir, that is the position The Tobacco
- 5 Institute has taken since its formation in 1958;
- 6 isn't that true?
- 7 MR. FLYNN: Asked and answered. It's
- 8 repetitive.
- 9 A. I -- I can't affirm that.
- 10 MR. FLYNN: He doesn't know.
- 11 A. I do not know.
- 12 Q. Well if we take a look at what was presented in
- 13 Mr. Kloepfer's paper in Exhibit 414, he made the
- 14 statement that the role of tobacco in health is still
- 15 very much in dispute; correct?
- 16 MR. FLYNN: I object to the context of the
- 17 question in that it has something to do with '58, but
- 18 subject to that, answer. And then the document
- 19 speaks for itself.
- 20 I may have distracted you from the question. Do
- 21 you want the question she has pending?
- 22 THE WITNESS: I don't know what the
- 23 question was, no.
- MR. FLYNN: Please re-ask it or repeat it.
- 25 Q. If we take a look at what was presented in Mr.

- 1 Kloepfer's paper in Exhibit 414, he made the
- 2 statement that the role of tobacco in health is still
- 3 very much in dispute; correct?
- 4 A. He did, yes.
- 5 Q. And he goes on to say, "In the words" -- I'm
- 6 sorry -- "In the recent words of one authority, the
- 7 evidence is, quote, a complex and hardly consistent
- 8 picture showing a profusion of inconsistencies and
- 9 inversions; "right?
- 10 A. That is correct.
- 11 Q. Now he also goes on to say at the top of the
- 12 next page, "Nor does the fact that several of the
- 13 studies find similar statistical associations
- 14 constitute proof of any cause-and-effect
- 15 relationship; "right?
- 16 A. That is correct.
- 17 Q. And The Tobacco Institute intended that people
- 18 who heard Mr. Kloepfer's statement would believe
- 19 them; didn't it?
- 20 A. Well to be very accurate, they would have read
- 21 them since this would have been a newspaper
- 22 distribution. We hoped that people would -- would
- 23 consider what we had to say and believe it.
- 24 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 415 was marked
- for identification.)

- 1 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 2 Q. Sir, showing you what's been marked as
- 3 Plaintiffs' Exhibit 415, this is Bates numbered
- 4 TIMN0133740; correct?
- 5 A. Yes, it is.
- 6 MS. WIVELL: All right. Why don't we go
- 7 off the record a minute.
- 8 THE REPORTER: Off the record, please.
- 9 (Discussion off the record.)
- 10 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 11 Q. Sir, showing you what's been marked as Exhibit
- 12 415, this is a Tobacco Institute document entitled
- 13 "Fact or Fancy;" correct?
- 14 A. Correct.
- 15 Q. It's Bates numbered TIMN0133740; right?
- 16 A. Yes, it is.
- 17 Q. And this is a document that The Tobacco
- 18 Institute put out that concerns a number of subjects
- 19 which are listed on the third page of the document;
- 20 right?
- 21 A. Yes. There is a table of contents on page
- 22 three.
- 23 Q. And among the subjects that are included in this
- 24 document are a discussion of smoking women, small
- 25 babies, pregnancy outcome, child growth, effect on

- 1 children, sex and reproduction, face wrinkles, lung
- 2 cancer, heart and vascular disease, chronic
- 3 respiratory disease, amongst others; right?
- 4 A. That's correct.
- 5 Q. And in fact a couple of those issues deal with
- 6 women who smoke during pregnancy; right?
- 7 A. I believe that's correct, yes.
- 8 Q. And as a matter of fact there is some
- 9 information contained in the document beginning at
- 10 page seven about women who smoke having smaller
- 11 babies; right?
- 12 MR. FLYNN: Well objection, it speaks for
- 13 itself. It's a question.
- 14 A. Yeah. The question is asked: "Do women who
- 15 smoke while they're pregnant tend to have smaller
- 16 babies?"
- 17 Q. And then the question is answered, too; right?
- 18 A. There is an answer provided, yes.
- 19 Q. And the answer is, "Yes, their babies usually
- 20 weigh less than the babies of mothers who don't
- 21 smoke; "right?
- 22 A. And an additional several pages more explaining
- 23 why that may or may not be.
- 24 Q. My point precisely. The next several pages
- 25 concern why that, according to the tobacco industry,

- 1 may or may not be the case with regard to women who
- 2 smoke during their pregnancies; right?
- 3 A. It's a little convoluted, but I think I get the
- 4 sense of what you're saying.
- 5 Q. And you would agree that there's information
- 6 here that suggests that women who smoke have no
- 7 problem with their -- their pregnancies; right?
- 8 MR. FLYNN: Again, the document speaks for
- 9 itself.
- 10 A. And I don't know that I'm going to agree with
- 11 that without looking very closely at all of the
- 12 information that pertains to that issue, which I have
- 13 not had an opportunity to do.
- 14 Q. But you would agree that the information that's
- 15 provided here was information that The Tobacco
- 16 Institute intended people reading this document to
- 17 believe; right?
- 18 A. That is correct.
- 19 Q. Now among the subjects is the issue of lung
- 20 cancer on page 27; right?
- 21 A. Yes, there's a question raised: "Are lung
- 22 cancer death rates rising more rapidly in women than
- 23 in men? And is this because more women are said to
- 24 be smoking?"
- 25 Q. And the question is answered; isn't it?

- 1 A. There's an answer provided, yes.
- 2 Q. All right. And the answer begins with the
- 3 sentence, "Lung cancer death rates reported for U.S.
- 4 women have been rising faster year to year than those
- 5 in men since 1961." Right?
- 6 A. Right.
- 7 MR. FLYNN: I object, that's just one
- 8 sentence of about a page-and-a-half answer, but --
- 9 Q. And then there is additional information
- 10 provided that suggests, among other things, that the
- 11 cigarette smoking may contribute more to the
- 12 diagnosis of cancer than it does to producing the
- 13 disease itself in men as well as women; right?
- MR. FLYNN: I object, it's vague and
- 15 ambiguous, it speaks for itself. If you could read
- 16 it to the witness, that would be fine, especially
- 17 this technical stuff. To paraphrase it, it may well
- 18 say what you say, I just am uncomfortable with its
- 19 paraphrase.
- 20 If you can affirm, she's entitled to have you
- 21 affirm it. If you need it read, tell her that.
- MS. WIVELL: I object to your speaking
- 23 objections --
- MR. FLYNN: Oh.
- MS. WIVELL: -- and coaching the witness.

- 1 MR. FLYNN: It's not coaching. It's
- 2 telling where in this thing it says what you say it
- 3 says. I'm not coaching him about anything.
- 4 A. The -- the -- the reference you made certainly
- 5 is contained within this page of information that
- 6 comprises -- comprises the answer. There are other
- 7 things included as well that we've -- we've included
- 8 for the sake of completeness.
- 9 Q. Well sir, does it include the information that,
- 10 during that same period, that the rate of women
- 11 smokers also increased?
- 12 A. It does not.
- 13 Q. But this information was supposedly provided by
- 14 The Tobacco Institute in the belief that full, free
- 15 and informed discussion of the smoking controversy
- 16 was in the public interest; right?
- 17 MR. FLYNN: Objection, it's argumentative.
- 18 A. Once again, we provide -- have always provided
- 19 information to the public from the tobacco
- 20 industry's perspective. Public certainly was
- 21 bombarded with information from other sources,
- 22 anti-tobacco/anti-smoking sources. Certainly wasn't
- 23 our obligation to present every single facet of -- of
- 24 the issue. We present the industry's perspective.
- 25 Q. Well sir, doesn't this document say on the

- 1 second page, and I quote, "In the belief that full,
- 2 free and informed discussion of the smoking
- 3 controversy is in the public interest, The Tobacco
- 4 Institute has assembled the most frequently heard
- 5 allegations concerning women and smoking -- and
- 6 created a dialogue encompassing the current
- 7 scientific knowledge on each point?"
- 8 A. Yes. And it's self-evident that that's what
- 9 this document does.
- 10 Q. But it didn't include in this document the fact
- 11 that women smokers had increased during the same
- 12 period that women deaths from lung cancer had
- 13 increased; did it, sir?
- MR. FLYNN: Again, the document speaks for
- 15 itself. You're asking him to affirm a negative in a
- 16 58-page document -- 62-page document.
- 17 A. I think -- I think it's clear that this
- 18 publication of The Tobacco Institute, as well as
- 19 others, seeks to present the industry perspective on
- 20 issues. That does not mean that we seek to present
- 21 every single bit of information about a subject.
- 22 Q. Sir, I --
- 23 A. We seek to present the industry's position in
- 24 the belief that, as it says correctly here, full,
- 25 free and informed discussion of the smoking

- 1 controversy is in the public interest.
- 2 We knew very clearly that the public was
- 3 receiving substantial amounts of information from
- 4 anti-tobacco and anti-smoking sources. I don't think
- 5 anyone would believe that we should include the
- 6 American Cancer Society's publications in our
- 7 publications.
- 8 Q. Well I --
- 9 A. People were able to receive that information
- 10 from other sources.
- 11 Q. I'm sorry, sir. It says here, and I quote, "In
- 12 the belief that full, free and informed discussion of
- 13 the smoking controversy is in the public
- 14 interest...." It doesn't disclose that this is only
- 15 the tobacco industry's perspective; does it, sir?
- 16 MR. FLYNN: I object as argumentative in
- 17 itself. You are arguing with him.
- 18 A. I think the fact that it says The Tobacco
- 19 Institute on the facing page would -- would give
- 20 anyone the idea that this was a tobacco industry/
- 21 Tobacco Institute document. You shouldn't expect it
- 22 to include perspectives from anti-tobacco sources.
- 23 Q. So --
- 24 A. I think that's -- I don't think that's
- 25 reasonable.

- 1 Q. So it wasn't reasonable for a reader who read
- 2 this document to believe The Tobacco Institute was
- 3 providing, quote, full, free and informed discussion
- 4 of the smoking controversy in this document, when
- 5 that's what it said?
- 6 MR. FLYNN: That's --
- 7 A. No.
- 8 MR. FLYNN: -- argumentative.
- 9 A. That's not what it says.
- 10 Q. I'm sorry, sir. Doesn't it say, quote, "In the
- 11 belief that full, free and informed discussion of the
- 12 smoking controversy is in the public interest, The
- 13 Tobacco Institute has assembled the most frequently
- 14 heard allegations concerning women and smoking -- and
- 15 created a dialogue encompassing the current
- 16 scientific knowledge on each point?" Doesn't it say
- 17 that?
- 18 A. Yes. And it -- it also clearly means that the
- 19 public's entitled to full, free and informed
- 20 discussion, and this is part of that discussion.
- 21 Q. All right. And where does it say we're only
- 22 giving you The Tobacco Institute's -- I'm sorry,
- 23 strike that.
- Where does it say we're only giving you the
- 25 tobacco industry's perspective here?

- 1 A. I think a reasonable person could look at the
- 2 cover page and determine that it was a Tobacco
- 3 Institute document, and from that infer that it was
- 4 the tobacco industry's position.
- 5 Q. So when you said "full, free and informed," you
- 6 didn't mean it; did you?
- 7 MR. FLYNN: Objection, that's
- 8 argumentative. He's answered it three times.
- 9 A. We certainly do mean it. We're very sincere
- 10 about it. We want people to gather information from
- 11 as many sources as possible. We will be one of those
- 12 sources, we hope.
- 13 Q. Now sir, it says in the immediately preceding
- 14 paragraph, "Of course you've noticed. It's difficult
- 15 not to. Women are now the special target of those
- 16 who would stamp out smoking. And standard
- 17 unsubstantiated charges have failed, these crusaders
- 18 are now" --
- 19 MR. FLYNN: You read it wrong. "...having
- 20 failed...."
- 21 MS. WIVELL: I'm sorry. Let me begin
- 22 again.
- 23 Q. And then in the immediately preceding paragraph
- 24 it says, "Of course you've noticed. It's difficult
- 25 not to. Women are the special target of those who

- 1 would" --
- 2 MR. FLYNN: You omitted the word "now."
- 3 MS. WIVELL: Excuse me, counsel. Why don't
- 4 you just object.
- 5 MR. FLYNN: Well you're just going to have
- 6 to start all over.
- 7 MS. WIVELL: Fine, I will start all over
- 8 then.
- 9 MR. FLYNN: If you read the thing right, we
- 10 wouldn't have a problem. You read half of these
- 11 things wrong.
- Go ahead, read it again, see if it's right. If
- 13 we wait until the end, you just have to do the whole
- 14 thing over again.
- MS. WIVELL: That's fine.
- MR. FLYNN: Go ahead. Try it again.
- 17 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 18 Q. In the immediately preceding paragraph it says,
- 19 "Of course you've noticed. It's difficult not to.
- 20 Women are now the special target of those who would
- 21 stamp out smoking." Have I read it so far
- 22 correctly?
- MR. FLYNN: You're correct so far.
- MS. WIVELL: Excuse me. I truly object.
- MR. FLYNN: I say you're accurate so far.

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- 1 MS. WIVELL: But you're not --
- 2 MR. FLYNN: You're asking me a sarcastic
- 3 question because you can't read an English sentence.
- 4 Go ahead and read the thing. Don't be hostile with
- 5 me.
- 6 MS. WIVELL: Mr. Flynn, I am going to make
- 7 a motion before the court to review your conduct, and
- 8 I will tell you that I will ask the court to bring
- 9 Mr. Merryman to Minnesota so that we can complete
- 10 this deposition under court supervision if we have to
- 11 because of your conduct in this deposition.
- 12 MR. FLYNN: Lady, all you're having trouble
- 13 with is reading an English sentence, and I'm trying
- 14 to help you and stop you when you got it wrong. Now
- 15 you're getting hostile about it; that's too bad.
- MS. WIVELL: That's because you're
- 17 answering the questions, and I would like the witness
- 18 to answer the questions, Mr. Flynn.
- MR. FLYNN: We've long since lost the
- 20 question struggling with you reading this thing. I
- 21 mean you're --
- 22 It's your deposition, ma'am, you do what you
- 23 want with it.
- MS. WIVELL: Oh, I'm trying very hard, and
- 25 I would appreciate it if you would keep your words to

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- 1 the word "objection."
- 2 MR. FLYNN: Well if you'd read the thing
- 3 properly, we'd move along. I don't know why you have
- 4 these problems reading these things out loud. Maybe
- 5 the witness could read it and we'll move along.
- 6 Look it, lady, you're the one that stopped in
- 7 the middle and asked me have I read it right?
- 8 MS. WIVELL: I didn't ask you anything.
- 9 MR. FLYNN: Read it back in your -- in your
- 10 computer thing there. Go back to your little -- the
- 11 screen and you'll find the question that you asked
- 12 me. And I said, "You're good so far."
- MS. WIVELL: I didn't ask you any question,
- 14 Mr. Flynn.
- MR. FLYNN: Well, if you don't want to look
- 16 back at it, I can't make you. It has absolutely
- 17 nothing to do with nothing anyway. But if you want
- 18 to carry on with this, carry on; otherwise, proceed
- 19 and ask your question. Try reading this again.
- MS. WIVELL: Are you done?
- 21 MR. FLYNN: I was done a long time ago.
- 22 I'm trying to move this along by helping you read
- 23 this thing properly.
- You can stare at me for 15 minutes if you want.
- 25 It's your time. Let's get on with it.

- 1 MS. WIVELL: No, colloquy is not my time.
- 2 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 3 Q. Mr. Merryman, the immediately preceding
- 4 paragraph says, "Of course you've noticed. It's
- 5 difficult not to. Women are now the special target
- 6 of those who would stamp out smoking." Have I read
- 7 it correctly so far?
- 8 A. You have.
- 9 Q. Thank you.
- 10 And it goes on to say, "And standard,
- 11 unsubstantiated charges having failed, these
- 12 crusaders are now trying to hit women where they
- 13 think them to be the most vulnerable -- with threats
- 14 to their babies and their good looks, and, yes, even
- 15 their sex lives." Correct?
- 16 A. Correct.
- 17 Q. And then it says after that, "In the belief that
- 18 full, free and informed discussion of the smoking
- 19 controversy is in the public interest, The Tobacco
- 20 Institute has assembled the most frequently heard
- 21 allegations concerning women and smoking -- and
- 22 created a dialogue encompassing the current
- 23 scientific knowledge on each point." Correct?
- 24 A. Correct.
- 25 Q. Then it gives --

- 1 It says, "Here, then, are some questions about
- 2 smoking -- and answers, at least where they are
- 3 known; " correct?
- 4 MR. FLYNN: Objection. You read it wrong
- 5 again.
- 6 A. You did drop a word.
- 7 Q. All right. Let me rephrase it.
- 8 And then it says, "Here, then, are some
- 9 questions about women and smoking -- and answers, at
- 10 least where they are known."
- 11 A. Correct, yes.
- 12 Q. Now it doesn't say at least from the tobacco
- 13 industry's perspective; does it?
- 14 A. No. I don't think it's necessary to. That's --
- 15 that's self-evident.
- 16 Q. But wouldn't it be fair for a person who
- 17 thinks -- who reads this and reads that this is a
- 18 full, free and informed discussion, to have
- 19 confidence that The Tobacco Institute is providing
- 20 what it says it's going to provide?
- 21 MR. FLYNN: Objection, it's argumentative
- 22 and repetitive the fifth time.
- 23 A. In my view we have provided what we said we'll
- 24 provide, questions and answers. No one, I don't
- 25 believe, could read this document and believe that

- 1 this was in -- this was intended to be or was all-
- 2 inclusive of these issues. I -- I don't see how one
- 3 could reasonably expect that.
- 4 Q. (Coughing) Pardon me.
- 5 Would you turn to page 52 of the document.
- 6 A. All right.
- 7 Q. That's essentially the last page of text of the
- 8 document before the reference section; correct?
- 9 A. I believe it is, yes.
- 10 Q. And there again The Tobacco Institute claims
- 11 that "Causality has not been proven in any of the
- 12 diseases and conditions linked statistically with
- 13 cigarette smoking -- in men and women; " right?
- 14 MR. FLYNN: Again you read it wrong, but --
- 15 A. Well it says, to quote it, "Causality has not
- 16 been proved in any of the diseases and conditions
- 17 linked statistically with cigarette smoking -- in
- 18 women or men. The controversy must be resolved by
- 19 scientific research.
- 20 "The tobacco industry does not try to persuade
- 21 anyone to smoke. Nor does it discourage --
- 22 discourage anyone who makes up his or her mind to
- 23 quit. Smoking is an adult custom designed, to be
- 24 decided by mature, thinking persons -- men or women."
- 25 Q. And in fact that was the position that The

- 1 Tobacco Institute intended people to believe when
- 2 they read this -- this document; correct?
- 3 MR. FLYNN: Objection.
- 4 A. It --
- 5 MR. FLYNN: It's vague and ambiguous. If
- 6 you know what "position" is, go ahead.
- 7 A. This was one of our positions.
- 8 Q. And it was one of the positions that you
- 9 intended people to believe when they read this
- 10 document; isn't it, sir?
- 11 A. Well yes. I mean it was -- it wasn't a matter
- 12 of opinion, it was a position The Tobacco Institute
- 13 took.
- 14 Q. Now from time to time The Tobacco -- The Tobacco
- 15 Institute would take out ads concerning the issue of
- 16 smoking and health; wouldn't it?
- 17 A. I don't know how often that was undertaken. I
- 18 don't think very often. And I don't believe in the
- 19 years I've been there we have done any advertising on
- 20 smoking and health.
- 21 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 416 was marked
- for identification.)
- 23 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 24 Q. Sir, showing you what's been marked as Exhibit
- 25 416, this is a Tobacco Institute ad that was taken

- 1 out entitled "The question about smoking and health
- 2 is still a question;" right?
- 3 A. Got a better copy? Mine is blanked out.
- 4 Q. That's what I have, too.
- 5 A. Well --
- 6 MR. FLYNN: He can't tell. That's the
- 7 answer. If you can tell, tell her.
- 8 A. Part of the -- part of the headline is
- 9 obliterated in this copy, and I can't tell that
- 10 that's exactly what it says.
- 11 Q. All right. The Bates number of this is
- 12 TIMN0081352; correct?
- 13 A. Yes, it is.
- 14 Q. All right. Now it --
- 15 At the end of this document there is a box which
- 16 has a quote in it; right?
- 17 A. Yes, there is.
- 18 Q. And it says, "These facts and statements are
- 19 presented by The Tobacco Institute in the belief that
- 20 the many controversial questions concerning smoking
- 21 and health must ultimately be answered by further
- 22 scientific research and new knowledge -- and that
- 23 full, free and informed public decision -- discussion
- 24 is essential in the public interest." Correct?
- 25 A. Correct.

- 1 Q. All right. Have you read this document in
- 2 preparation for your deposition today?
- 3 A. It is familiar to me. I believe I have.
- 4 Q. Okay. You would agree that this document sets
- 5 forth the -- the position of The Tobacco Institute,
- 6 that the question about smoking and health is still a
- 7 question; right?
- 8 MR. FLYNN: Again the document speaks for
- 9 itself, but subject to that --
- 10 A. It -- it set forth a 1970 position.
- 11 Q. Well, and that's the position that The Tobacco
- 12 Institute holds today; isn't it?
- 13 A. I'll have to read the entire document to make
- 14 certain.
- 15 Q. Well my question was about the position that The
- 16 Tobacco Institute had about smoking and health still
- 17 being a question.
- 18 A. There certainly are continuing questions about
- 19 the relationship between smoking and health, if
- 20 that's your question, yes.
- 21 Q. And sir, you would agree that in 1970, when The
- 22 Tobacco Institute took out this ad, it intended
- 23 people to believe what it said in the ad; right?
- 24 A. We hoped people would believe what we had to
- 25 say, yes.

- 1 Q. All right. And as a matter of fact, would you
- 2 take out this ad today?
- 3 A. I don't have any idea.
- 4 Q. Well as the director of communications for The
- 5 Tobacco Institute, would you recommend taking out an
- 6 ad like this one today?
- 7 A. Well that's not part of my -- my job
- 8 responsibility. Wouldn't ever occur to me to make a
- 9 recommendation for or against such advertising.
- 10 Q. Now essentially this document says that the
- 11 question of a causal relationship of smoking and lung
- 12 cancer, coronary heart disease, or emphysema, is
- 13 still just a question; doesn't it?
- 14 MR. FLYNN: Again, objection, it speaks for
- 15 itself. If there's a phrase or statement you're
- 16 quoting --
- Do you see where she's quoting? If you do, you
- 18 can affirm it.
- 19 THE WITNESS: I don't yet.
- 20 MR. FLYNN: Can you focus the witness on
- 21 where you are?
- 22 Q. Sir, isn't that the essential message that this
- 23 ad puts forth?
- 24 MR. FLYNN: I object, the thing speaks for
- 25 itself.

- 1 A. Really, the -- the -- the advertisement seems to
- 2 be devoted mostly to a recitation of the amount of
- 3 research that the tobacco industry has funded in an
- 4 attempt to find answers to the scientific questions
- 5 that have been raised about smoking and health.
- 6 Q. And doesn't it in the second paragraph say, "So
- 7 far, in spite of this massive effort, there are
- 8 eminent scientists who question whether any causal
- 9 relationship has been proven -- proved between
- 10 cigarette smoking and human disease -- including lung
- 11 cancer, coronary heart disease, or emphysema?"
- 12 A. That is correct, it says that.
- 13 Q. And sir, that was the position of The Tobacco
- 14 Institute in 1970, that no causal relationship has
- 15 been proved between cigarette smoking and human
- 16 disease, including lung cancer, coronary heart
- 17 disease, or emphysema; right?
- 18 MR. FLYNN: I object as argumentative.
- 19 It's also repetitive.
- 20 A. What the advertisement says is accurately
- 21 reflective of the tobacco industry's beliefs at the
- 22 time.
- 23 Q. All right. Let me ask you about today. Could
- 24 that --
- 25 Would that statement that I just read accurately

- 1 reflect the tobacco industry's position today?
- 2 A. Well our position today is that no causal
- 3 relationship has been proven between smoking and any
- 4 of the diseases with which smoking has been
- 5 associated statistically.
- 6 Q. Including lung cancer, coronary heart disease,
- 7 and emphysema; right?
- 8 A. That would include lung cancer, coronary heart
- 9 disease, and emphysema, among others.
- 10 Q. And in fact that is the message that The Tobacco
- 11 Institute has communicated essentially from 1970 to
- 12 the present in public statements that it has made
- 13 concerning the issue of smoking and -- causing
- 14 disease; right?
- 15 A. As long as --
- 16 As long as we understand that that's not the
- 17 only issue the tobacco industry has been involved in
- 18 addressing, that's correct.
- 19 Q. And when The Tobacco Institute made those
- 20 statements over the period of years, it intended
- 21 people to believe what it said; didn't it?
- 22 A. We certainly hoped that the people would believe
- 23 what we had to say. We were sincere in those beliefs
- 24 and felt that people deserved to understand what our
- 25 perspectives were.

- 1 Q. Now sir, The Tobacco Institute took exception to
- 2 the various reports that were issued by the Surgeon
- 3 General on the issue of smoking and health; didn't
- 4 it?
- 5 A. We certainly took exception to some of the
- 6 conclusions that were reached by some of the Surgeon
- 7 General's reports. I don't think we quarreled with
- 8 every single thing that was in a document issued by
- 9 the Surgeon General.
- 10 Q. Well didn't The Tobacco Institute at one time
- 11 take the position that the 1972 report of the Surgeon
- 12 General insults the scientific community?
- 13 A. I don't recall that specifically.
- 14 (Discussion off the stenographic record.)
- 15 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 417 was marked
- for identification.)
- 17 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 18 Q. Sir, showing you what's been marked as Exhibit
- 19 417, it is a document Bates numbered TIMN0120602;
- 20 correct?
- 21 A. Correct.
- 22 Q. And it is a press release from The Tobacco
- 23 Institute dated February 26th, without a year; right?
- 24 A. Without a year, correct. February 26th.
- 25 Q. Okay. And it refers to the 1972 report of the

- 1 Surgeon General to Congress on smoking and health;
- 2 right?
- 3 A. It does.
- 4 Q. And it claims that that report, quote, insults
- 5 the scientific community, close quote; doesn't it?
- 6 MR. FLYNN: Again it speaks for itself,
- 7 but --
- 8 A. That's what it says.
- 9 Q. And by the way, the quote is attributed to R. C.
- 10 B. Ehringhaus, Jr., vice-president and counsel for
- 11 the Washington-based Tobacco Institute; right?
- 12 A. J. C. B. --
- 13 Q. -- I'm sorry.
- 14 A. -- Ehringhaus, Jr.
- 15 Q. And am I pronouncing it correctly, Ehrhaus --
- 16 Ehringhaus?
- 17 A. Ehringhaus. Yes, ma'am.
- 18 Q. Mr. Ehringhaus; was it?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. And Mr. Ehringhaus was, at the time this
- 21 statement was made, vice-president to The Tobacco
- 22 Institute?
- 23 A. If -- if this was 1972, as it seems to be, I
- 24 don't know. I mean I wasn't there then.
- 25 Q. Okay. You have no reason to believe that this

- 1 press release is inaccurate; do you?
- 2 A. I can't say "yes" or "no." I mean it's before
- 3 my time.
- 4 Q. Mr. Ehringhaus is then quoted as saying, "the
- 5 number one health problem is not cigarette smoking,
- 6 but is the extent to which public health officials
- 7 may knowingly mislead the American public." Right?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Now the press release goes on to claim that the
- 10 Surgeon General ignores by misrepresentation the
- 11 researchers whose contrary findings he chooses to
- 12 omit from the report; correct?
- 13 A. Yes, that's what it says.
- 14 Q. And sir, you would agree that when The Tobacco
- 15 Institute published this press release, it intended
- 16 people in the United States who may hear it or read
- 17 it to believe what The Tobacco Institute was saying;
- 18 right?
- 19 A. We hoped they would believe what we were
- 20 saying.
- 21 What distribution this got, I have no idea if it
- 22 even went out.
- 23 Q. You have no way of knowing that it didn't go
- 24 out; do you?
- 25 A. I can't establish whether it was ever issued.

- 1 Q. You just don't know one way or the other as you
- 2 sit here today; right?
- 3 A. That is correct.
- 4 MR. FLYNN: Done with that one.
- 5 Q. Sir, earlier in the deposition we saw a copy of
- 6 a publication called "THE SMOKING CONTROVERSY." Do
- 7 you recall that generally?
- 8 A. Where do we have that?
- 9 "THE CIGARETTE CONTROVERSY," did you say?
- 10 MR. FLYNN: Do you have the exhibit number?
- 11 Q. I was just wondering if you recollected it.
- 12 "THE CIGARETTE CONTROVERSY," yes.
- 13 A. I have it here (referring to Exhibit 406).
- 14 Q. All right. Now The Tobacco Institute some years
- 15 later, after "THE CIGARETTE CONTROVERSY" was
- 16 published, published another booklet to be
- 17 disseminated to the public entitled "The Smoking
- 18 Controversy: A Perspective; correct?
- 19 A. I believe I recommend -- recall that, yes.
- 20 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 418 was marked
- 21 for identification.)
- 22 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 23 Q. Sir, showing you what's been marked as Exhibit
- 24 418, this is another booklet that was published by
- 25 The Tobacco Institute concerning the

- 1 smoking-and-health issue; right?
- 2 MR. FLYNN: Just for -- I assume the notes
- 3 on page one are not part of it?
- 4 MS. WIVELL: This is the way it was
- 5 produced to us.
- 6 MR. FLYNN: All right.
- 7 Do you have the question in mind?
- 8 THE WITNESS: Yes. Do you have a
- 9 question? I'm sorry, I --
- 10 MS. WIVELL: I'll rephrase it.
- 11 Q. Showing you what's been marked as Exhibit 418,
- 12 this is a draft of a booklet that was published by
- 13 The Tobacco Institute concerning the
- 14 smoking-and-health issue, right?
- 15 A. It -- it must be a draft because there are
- 16 correction marks in it.
- 17 Q. But you understand that the booklet was
- 18 eventually published, right?
- 19 A. That's my recollection, yes.
- 20 Q. All right. Now if you turn to the first page,
- 21 at the -- I'm sorry, the second page, the bottom, it
- 22 says, "This paper is published by The Tobacco
- 23 Institute in the belief that public discussion about
- 24 tobacco -- tobacco smoking is in the public interest,
- 25 and that the smoking controversy must be resolved by

- 1 scientific research." Right?
- 2 A. That is correct.
- 3 Q. Now this is another very long document. It's
- 4 one that The Tobacco Institute provided to the public
- 5 in the hopes that the reader would believe the
- 6 statements made in the document; right?
- 7 MR. FLYNN: Well I object, it's
- 8 argumentative, without foundation. If -- but if you
- 9 can answer, go ahead.
- 10 A. Well again, it's another one of our -- our
- 11 documents which set forth our views on a number of
- 12 controversies. We hoped, certainly, it would
- 13 contribute to public understanding and that people
- 14 would -- would accept what we had to say here.
- 15 Q. And among the messages that is put forth in this
- 16 document is that the case against smoking is not
- 17 closed; is it?
- 18 MR. FLYNN: Can you focus the witness on a
- 19 phrase or page or something?
- 20 A. Is that on a particular page?
- 21 Q. You don't recall particularly that message being
- 22 in this document?
- 23 A. Well it may or may not be. I mean it's a
- 24 30-page document with 87 references.
- 25 Q. All right. Let me see if I can find it.

- 1 THE REPORTER: We have to change tape. Off
- 2 the record, please.
- 3 (Discussion off the record.)
- 4 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 5 Q. Sir, at the bottom of page three of the
- 6 document, the page that ends with Bates numbers 572,
- 7 there is a notation that "This paper will develop and
- 8 document the following points; " correct?
- 9 A. That is correct.
- 10 Q. All right. And if we turn to the top of the
- 11 next page, the second point is that "Many health
- 12 agencies have created the myth that the case against
- 13 smoking is closed; "right?
- MR. FLYNN: Objection, part of point two.
- 15 But if you want him to confirm you read it --
- 16 A. You -- you've read that portion of it correctly.
- 17 Q. And then it goes on to say, "However, their
- 18 conclusions are based largely on statistical
- 19 associations, the interpretation of which has been
- 20 questioned by leading empidemiologists; "right?
- 21 A. That is correct.
- 22 Q. Okay. Now The Tobacco Institute, when it
- 23 published this booklet, intended the -- the person
- 24 that read it to believe what was being said there.
- 25 A. We certainly hoped that people would read and

- 1 accept what was there, and -- and believe it.
- 2 Q. All right.
- 3 A. That's correct.
- 4 Q. Now if we go back to the page three of the
- 5 document, at the top there is a statement that "No
- 6 one knows the root cause or causes of cancer;" is
- 7 that right?
- 8 MR. FLYNN: Where are you at? Page --
- 9 MS. WIVELL: The top of the page -- the
- 10 page Bates numbered three.
- 11 THE WITNESS: Same page?
- MS. WIVELL: Yes, sir.
- MR. FLYNN: Second paragraph.
- 14 A. Yes, that is correct, that's what it says.
- 15 Q. All right. Let me --
- Because that's a little bulloxed up there, let
- 17 me just re-ask the question.
- 18 And at the top of page three of this document
- 19 there is a statement that, quote, "No one knows the
- 20 root cause or causes of cancer; " correct?
- 21 A. That is what it says, correct.
- 22 Q. And The Tobacco Institute then provided a
- 23 variety of different information that they used to
- 24 back up that claim; right?
- MR. FLYNN: Again objection, it's

- 1 argumentative, it speaks for itself.
- 2 A. No, I'd -- I'd have to look through this a
- 3 little more closely to answer it directly, your
- 4 question.
- 5 Q. Well there's a variety of information provided
- 6 following that general statement in numbered
- 7 paragraphs that begin at one and continue on the next
- 8 page up to 10; right?
- 9 A. Yes, that is correct.
- 10 Q. And these statements were statements that The
- 11 Tobacco Institute made and intended the public to
- 12 believe; right?
- 13 MR. FLYNN: Again I object to the form as
- 14 argumentative. I don't know how you believe these
- 15 things as much as they're statements, but --
- 16 A. I'm not certain that all of these are
- 17 necessarily Tobacco Institute statements. I believe
- 18 there are references to other authorities. Well
- 19 these --
- You know, this was part of the paper,
- 21 obviously. Says, "This paper will develop and
- 22 document the following points," one through 10.
- 23 Q. Now sir, at the end of this document on page 22
- 24 there is an issue raised about whether health
- 25 agencies are believable; right?

- 1 A. I see that.
- 2 Q. And sir, doesn't it liken the American Cancer
- 3 Society and the American Heart Association and the
- 4 American Lung Association to the Salem witch trials?
- 5 MR. FLYNN: I object as argumentative, and
- 6 the document speaks for itself. I think this is
- 7 something, if you want to read it in, it should be
- 8 read rather than have the witness affirm your
- 9 interpretation of it. It clearly speaks for itself.
- 10 A. Well there's a reference to the Salem witch
- 11 trials in the first sentence. However, I think that
- 12 it's very clear that what this attempts to do is
- 13 to -- is to elucidate how some of the voluntary
- 14 health associations are spending their funds with
- 15 respect to smoking-and-health research.
- 16 Q. Well sir, the paragraph starts out, "As in the
- 17 Salem witch trials, a segment of society is acting on
- 18 the basis of emotion when it mistakenly thinks it has
- 19 the facts;" right?
- 20 A. That's the first sentence of several paragraphs,
- 21 yes.
- 22 Q. And then the last sentence of that same
- 23 paragraph goes on to say, quote, "A witch trial of
- 24 smokers, whether it threatens public welfare or not,
- 25 gets public attention, inflames the passions of

- 1 volunteer fund racers and produces big budgets and
- 2 oversized reserves in such private agencies as the
- 3 American Cancer Society, the American Heart
- 4 Association and the American Lung Association;"
- 5 correct?
- 6 A. That is a correct reading of that -- of that
- 7 sentence.
- 8 Q. Now sir, isn't it true that The Tobacco
- 9 Institute intended to liken the American Cancer
- 10 Society, the American Heart Association and the
- 11 American Lung Association with the Salem witch
- 12 trials?
- MR. FLYNN: Objection, it's argumentative.
- 14 Again this speaks for itself. If you find that in
- 15 there, fine.
- 16 You can answer the question.
- 17 A. I think what this section does is speaks to the
- 18 emotional situation that surrounds the smoking
- 19 controversy. And I don't think there is an intent,
- 20 and I don't draw it from here, that somehow the
- 21 voluntary health associations can be compared
- 22 themselves to the Salem witch trials.
- 23 Q. So then the answer to my question is no then;
- 24 right?
- MR. FLYNN: Well the answer is what he just

- 1 said.
- 2 A. The answer is what I provided you.
- 3 Q. Sir, isn't it a fact that the tobacco industry
- 4 has claimed for years that millions of research
- 5 dollars and decades of investigation have failed to
- 6 establish a causal link between cancer and cigarette
- 7 smoke?
- 8 MR. FLYNN: Again, objection as vague and
- 9 ambiguous and argumentative.
- 10 A. Well let me say that the tobacco industry has
- 11 for a long time believed that it's necessary to
- 12 research the issues surrounding tobacco use and
- 13 health. We continue to believe so today.
- 14 Q. I understand. But my question is a little bit
- 15 different. Isn't it true that The Tobacco Institute
- 16 has said that despite millions of research dollars
- 17 and decades of investigation, there has been a
- 18 failure to establish a causal link between smoking
- 19 and cancer?
- 20 MR. FLYNN: Same objection, but --
- 21 A. If that's in a document someplace where The
- 22 Tobacco Institute says it, I'd like to see it. I
- 23 don't specifically recall it.
- 24 Q. Who is Sam Chilcote?
- 25 A. Sam Chilcote is the president of The Tobacco

- 1 Institute.
- 2 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 419 was marked
- 3 for identification.)
- 4 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 5 Q. Sir, showing you what's been marked as Exhibit
- 6 419, this is a document Bates numbered TIMN277294;
- 7 correct?
- 8 A. That is correct.
- 9 Q. And it is a Tobacco Institute press release
- 10 dated February 11th, 1982.
- 11 A. That is correct.
- 12 Q. And it quotes Sam Chilcote, the president of The
- 13 Tobacco Institute; doesn't it?
- 14 A. It does.
- 15 Q. And it claims that millions of research dollars
- 16 and decades of investigation have failed to establish
- 17 a causal link between cancer and cigarette smoke;
- 18 right?
- 19 MR. FLYNN: Objection, it's an incomplete
- 20 statement of the statement.
- 21 A. As far as it goes, that is correct. It's not
- 22 the entire sentence.
- 23 Q. Then it goes on to say that that statement is
- 24 made according to a review of scientific studies just
- 25 published by The Tobacco Institute.

- 1 A. That is correct.
- 2 Q. And the studies that were referred to are in a
- 3 report entitled "Cigarette Smoking and Cancer: A
- 4 Scientific Perspective; " right?
- 5 A. Well the review is that named document. The
- 6 studies themselves would not be included except by
- 7 reference.
- 8 Q. All right. So basically what the tobacco
- 9 industry -- I'm sorry, let me -- let me begin again.
- 10 Basically, what The Tobacco Institute had done
- 11 was publish another booklet, report, entitled
- 12 "Cigarette Smoking and Cancer: A Scientific
- 13 Perspective, " right?
- MR. FLYNN: Object as argumentative, the
- 15 "basically what they've done," but --
- 16 A. We -- we published this -- this review which is
- 17 mentioned in the news release, that's correct.
- 18 Q. And the news release goes on to note that -- the
- 19 repeated failure of animal smoke inhalation
- 20 experiments to produce the type of lung cancer most
- 21 frequently associated with cigarette smoking; right?
- 22 A. News release points out that that's one of the
- 23 points made in the -- in -- in the review.
- 24 Q. And then Mr. Chilcote is quoted, quote, "While
- 25 many people believe that a causal link between

- 1 smoking and cancer is a given, scientific research
- 2 has not been able to establish that link nor has it
- 3 been able to determine how normal cells become
- 4 cancerous;" right?
- 5 A. That is correct.
- 6 Q. And in fact it was the intention of The Tobacco
- 7 Institute in issuing this press release that people
- 8 would believe that scientific research had not been
- 9 able to establish a causal link between smoking and
- 10 cancer; right?
- 11 A. Actually I believe, more to the point, our
- 12 reason for issuing this release was to call attention
- 13 to the review itself, not necessarily the release and
- 14 its conclusions, and hope that people would read --
- 15 would read the entire review.
- 16 Q. All right. Well sir, my question refers to the
- 17 one statement that Mr. Chilcote has referred to in
- 18 this quote --
- 19 A. Uh-huh.
- 20 Q. -- concerning the causal link between smoking
- 21 and cancer as being unproven. At the time this
- 22 statement was made, The Tobacco Institute intended
- 23 people to believe that there was no relationship
- 24 between a -- no causal relationship between smoking
- 25 and cancer; right?

- 1 MR. FLYNN: Objection, it's argumentative.
- 2 It says what it says. It isn't quite what you say.
- 3 A. We believed that people would be interested in
- 4 this information. We hoped they'd accept it, look at
- 5 it, read it, believe it. I don't know how successful
- 6 we were. But we certainly thought that this was an
- 7 important and interesting review of some of the
- 8 scientific literature.
- 9 Q. And on the second page, the press release goes
- 10 on to claim that while statistical associations may
- 11 raise valid questions and possibly -- I'm sorry. Let
- 12 me start again.
- 13 And on the second page of the press release, the
- 14 claim is made that while statistical associations may
- 15 raise valid questions that suggest possible leads for
- 16 further research, they do not prove a
- 17 cause-and-effect relationship; right?
- 18 A. That is correct. It says that.
- 19 Q. And you intended -- I'm sorry.
- 20 And The Tobacco Institute intended people to
- 21 believe that when they said it; didn't they?
- 22 A. We hoped people would believe what we had to
- 23 say, as anyone would.
- 24 Q. Now sir, from time to time, in addition to
- 25 sending out press releases and publishing booklets

- 1 and taking out ads, you'd appear in the media and
- 2 give interviews and make public statements about
- 3 smoking and health; right?
- 4 MR. FLYNN: That's repetitive. You covered
- 5 that this morning.
- 6 A. If we were asked for our positions on something,
- 7 we certainly tried to respond.
- 8 Q. You've been on Nightline; haven't you?
- 9 A. I have been on Nightline myself.
- 10 Q. Okay. And as a matter of fact, when you were on
- 11 Nightline you claimed that it was not known whether
- 12 cigarettes caused cancer; right?
- 13 MR. FLYNN: Again I object as vague and
- 14 ambiguous. If you remember what you said --
- 15 A. I don't recall that specific statement.
- 16 Q. I'm sorry, let me withdraw that question. Why
- 17 don't we do it this way. You understand --
- 18 You understand that there was a transcript made
- 19 of your Nightline interview; right?
- 20 A. Do I understand it? That's possible, I guess.
- 21 Q. How many times have you been on Nightline?
- 22 A. I don't know. Honestly. More than once, but
- 23 less than a dozen.
- 24 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 420 was marked
- for identification.)

- 1 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 2 Q. Sir, showing you what's been marked as Exhibit
- 3 420, this is a document Bates numbered 502371212;
- 4 correct?
- 5 A. Yes, it is.
- 6 Q. And it concerns a Nightline interview done on
- 7 February 2nd, 1984; right?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And you participated in that interview; didn't
- 10 you, sir?
- 11 A. Well let me see.
- 12 MR. FLYNN: Page three I think it starts.
- 13 A. Yes, I am at least quoted in here.
- 14 Q. All right. Also quoted in here is Edward
- 15 Horrigan, chair of RJR Tobacco; right?
- 16 A. That is correct.
- 17 MS. WIVELL: All right. Could we take a
- 18 break, please.
- 19 THE REPORTER: Off the record, please.
- 20 (Recess taken.)
- 21 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 22 Q. Sir, in this Nightline interview that's Exhibit
- 23 420, Mr. Horrigan from R. J. Reynolds Tobacco makes
- 24 some statements about cigarette smoking and cancer;
- 25 correct?

- 1 A. Where -- where are we in the -- in the
- 2 text?
- 3 Q. The bottom of page five.
- 4 A. All right.
- 5 Q. There it says Ted Koppel asked him, "Cigarette
- 6 smoking does not cause cancer, yes or no?" And then
- 7 Horrigan says, "It is not known whether cigarettes
- 8 cause cancer." Right?
- 9 A. He says that, correct.
- 10 Q. All right. And, sir, that was the position that
- 11 The Tobacco Institute had at the time of this
- 12 interview in 1984 also.
- 13 A. Not precisely. The Tobacco Institute's view was
- 14 that it had not been scientifically established that
- 15 cigarette smoking was causally related to lung
- 16 cancer.
- 17 Q. All right. Now Mr. Horrigan also goes on to
- 18 respond to Mr. Koppel with -- about some questions
- 19 having to do with cigarette smoking and emphysema;
- 20 correct?
- 21 A. Well Mr. Koppel --
- Let's, you know, read what Mr. Koppel says.
- 23 Q. He says "Smoking" --
- 24 A. Mr. Koppel mentions emphysema.
- 25 Q. Yes. And says he says, "Cigarette smoking no

- 1 causal relationship between cigarette smoking and
- 2 emphysema." And Horrigan says, "Despite all of the
- 3 research to date, there has been no causal link
- 4 established." Right?
- 5 A. That's what --
- 6 MR. FLYNN: Objection, there's no
- 7 foundation that this witness --
- 8 Again, go ahead, answer the question. There is
- 9 no foundation as to this witness.
- 10 A. That's what Mr. Horrigan is quoted as saying in
- 11 this transcript, yes.
- 12 Q. Was that also the position of The Tobacco
- 13 Institute, that there had been no causal link
- 14 establishing smoking and emphysema?
- 15 A. Well The Tobacco Institute's position has been
- 16 there is no scientific demonstration that there's a
- 17 causal relationship between cigarette smoking and
- 18 emphysema, that's correct.
- 19 Q. Now Ted Koppel also went on to ask Mr. Horrigan
- 20 about the relationship between smoking and heart
- 21 disease; right?
- 22 A. He asked about the -- if there was any causal
- 23 relationship between cigarette smoking and heart
- 24 disease, according to this transcript, yes.
- 25 Q. And Mr. Horrigan said, "No. As a matter of

- 1 fact, there are studies that while we are accused of
- 2 being associated with heart disease, there have been
- 3 studies conducted over 10 years that would say,
- 4 again, that science is puzzled over these forces."
- 5 Right?
- 6 MR. FLYNN: Again, I object. You omitted a
- 7 word. "...still puzzled."
- 8 A. That's -- that's what the transcript says, yes.
- 9 Q. And what was The Tobacco Institute's position in
- 10 1984 on the relationship of -- of smoking and heart
- 11 disease?
- 12 A. That our position, The Tobacco Institute's
- 13 position, was that cigarette smoking was
- 14 statistically associated with heart disease, but
- 15 there had been no scientific demonstration that it
- 16 was a causal relationship.
- 17 Q. Now The Tobacco Institute also disagreed with
- 18 the judgment of the Surgeon General's report that
- 19 cigarette smoking was an established cause of chronic
- 20 bronchitis; isn't that true?
- 21 MR. FLYNN: Objection, it's argumentative,
- 22 vague and ambiguous, overbroad.
- 23 A. I don't know what Surgeon General's report
- 24 contained that claim.
- 25 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 421 was marked

- for identification.)
- 2 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 3 Q. Sir, showing you what's been marked as
- 4 Plaintiffs' Exhibit 421, this is a document Bates
- 5 numbered TIMN319476; correct?
- 6 A. That is correct.
- 7 Q. Now it's a Tobacco Institute document entitled
- 8 "Cigarette Smoking and Chronic Obstructive Lung
- 9 Disease: The Major Gaps in Knowledge; "right?
- 10 A. That is correct.
- 11 Q. And if we were to turn to page two of the
- 12 document, do you see at the bottom of the page that
- 13 the tobacco industry has not agreed with the judgment
- 14 of the Surgeon General's report that cigarette
- 15 smoking has been established as a cause of chronic
- 16 bronchitis?
- 17 A. Yes, that is -- that's what the document says.
- 18 Q. All right. That was The Tobacco Institute's
- 19 position at the time it issued this press release;
- 20 correct?
- 21 A. Well this is not specifically a press release,
- 22 it is a document in itself.
- 23 Q. Fair enough. Let me restate the question.
- 24 At the time this document was issued, that was a
- 25 position that The Tobacco Institute took on the issue

- 1 of cigarette smoking as a cause of chronic
- 2 bronchitis; right?
- 3 A. That is correct.
- 4 Q. All right. And that position is further
- 5 enunciated with the claim that a causal relationship
- 6 between smoking and other chronic bronchitis --
- 7 MR. FLYNN: Objection.
- 8 Q. -- or emphysema has not been established
- 9 scientifically; right?
- 10 MR. FLYNN: Objection. You read it wrong,
- 11 you said "other" instead of "either."
- 12 Q. Let me rephrase the question.
- 13 And then The Tobacco Institute document goes on
- 14 to say, "A causal relationship between smoking and
- 15 either chronic bronchitis or emphysema has not been
- 16 established scientifically; "right?
- 17 A. That is our statement, yes.
- 18 Q. And you intended -- I'm sorry, strike that.
- 19 And The Tobacco Institute intended people to
- 20 believe what it said there; right?
- 21 A. We certainly hoped they believed what we said in
- 22 this and other documents on many different subjects.
- 23 Q. And that's because up till today The Tobacco
- 24 Institute has taken the position that the issue of
- 25 smoking and health remains one of controversy;

- 1 right?
- 2 MR. FLYNN: I object, it's vague and
- 3 ambiguous and so overbroad.
- 4 A. That's -- that's not why we hoped people would
- 5 accept and believe what we published in this and
- 6 other documents. We certainly do believe that a
- 7 controversy exists about smoking and health. Those
- 8 are two separate matters.
- 9 Q. Sir, isn't it true that there is no controversy
- 10 concerning the causal link between smoking and
- 11 certain diseases?
- 12 MR. FLYNN: Objection, it's just
- 13 argumentative.
- 14 A. I believe and The Tobacco Institute believes
- 15 that there is a controversy with respect to smoking
- 16 and health.
- 17 Q. Do you know who F. J. C. Roe is?
- 18 A. I don't believe I do.
- 19 Q. You don't recognize that name as a person who is
- 20 a consultant to British-American Tobacco Company on
- 21 issues relating to smoking and health?
- 22 A. No, I don't believe so. B.A.T. is not a member
- 23 of the Institute.
- 24 Q. I -- I understand. But their wholly-owned
- 25 subsidiary Brown & Williamson is; isn't that true?

- 1 A. Yes. They're separate entities, as I understand
- 2 it.
- 3 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 422 was marked
- 4 for identification.)
- 5 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 6 Q. Sir, showing you what's been marked as
- 7 Plaintiffs' Exhibit 422, this is a document produced
- 8 in this litigation by BATCO, British-American Tobacco
- 9 Company, dated May 4th, 1982; right?
- 10 A. That is correct.
- 11 Q. For the record, the Bates number is 100432193.
- 12 That's the beginning; right?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Would you turn to the second page of the
- 15 document. I -- I'm sorry. Let's go back to the
- 16 first page.
- 17 The first page is a letter from Francis J. C.
- 18 Roe to Ray E. Thornton, Group Research & Development
- 19 Center, British-American Tobacco Company Limited;
- 20 correct?
- 21 A. That is correct.
- 22 Q. If you'd turn to the second page of the
- 23 document, there Mr. Roe makes the statement, "It is
- 24 not really true, as the American Tobacco Industry
- 25 would like to believe, that there is a raging

- 1 worldwide controversy about the causal link between
- 2 smoking and certain diseases." Have I read
- 3 correctly?
- 4 A. You have.
- 5 Q. And he goes on to say, "Common sense based on
- 6 overwhelming circumstantial evidence is enough, in
- 7 the case of, say, the influence of smoking on lung
- 8 cancer risk not to prove causality (since proof of
- 9 causal link is elusive for all diseases) but enough
- 10 to render the matter not one of major 'world wide
- 11 controversy' and certainly not one in which the two
- 12 sides of the issue are evenly balanced." Correct?
- 13 A. That is what he says, yes.
- 14 Q. Now The Tobacco Institute never provided
- 15 information that the claimed controversy was really
- 16 not a balanced one; did it?
- 17 MR. FLYNN: I object. It's just
- 18 argumentative, without foundation, using a document
- 19 of another company. But you can answer the question.
- 20 A. Would you mind repeating the question?
- 21 Q. Certainly.
- Now The Tobacco Institute never provided the
- 23 information contained in this document in its attempt
- 24 to provide full disclosure to the American public on
- 25 the issue of the smoking and health, so-called

- 1 controversy; did they?
- 2 MR. FLYNN: I object, it's so vague and
- 3 overbroad. And you're referring to the whole
- 4 document in your question.
- 5 If -- if you can answer it as phrased, do so.
- 6 A. Well it's -- let --
- 7 Let me say, first of all, that our attempt was
- 8 never to provide, as you put it, full disclosure of
- 9 all of the issues surrounding the smoking-and-health
- 10 controversy. Clearly we were interested in
- 11 presenting the industry's perspectives. If some
- 12 people disagreed with those perspectives, that's --
- 13 that's their right, even if some of those people
- 14 happen to be consultants to a British firm. That
- 15 does not have any impact, in my view, on the fact
- 16 that people in the medical and scientific community
- 17 in this country and others thought there were
- 18 controversies surrounding the smoking-and-health
- 19 issue.
- 20 Q. But it is clear, isn't it, sir, that The Tobacco
- 21 Institute never provided the information contained in
- 22 the first paragraph of the second page of this
- 23 exhibit in any of the press releases that they sent
- 24 out; right?
- MR. FLYNN: I object, it's pure argument.

- 1 Just contorts this document.
- 2 A. I don't know how we would have been expected to
- 3 know if this document existed. It clearly wasn't
- 4 addressed to anyone at The Tobacco Institute nor to a
- 5 member of The Tobacco Institute.
- 6 Q. So the answer to my question is no, that
- 7 information wasn't provided in any of the public
- 8 statements that The Tobacco Institute made concerning
- 9 the issue of smoking and health; right?
- 10 MR. FLYNN: Same objection, it's
- 11 argumentative, it's vague and ambiguous.
- 12 A. I believe my answer is as I've stated it.
- 13 Q. Sir, Mr. Roe goes on to call the book that he
- 14 was reviewing on smoking and health a mixed marriage
- 15 between traditional American lawyer exhaled gas and
- 16 discretely coughed-up Anglo-Saxon phlegm; doesn't he?
- 17 A. I'm looking for the --
- MR. FLYNN: Page you're on.
- 19 A. Are we still on the same page?
- 20 Q. No. Could you turn to the page that ends with
- 21 Bates number 198.
- 22 A. I -- I see that. I've got no idea what he's
- 23 talking about.
- 24 Q. Well sir, R. J. Reynolds was a member of The
- 25 Tobacco Institute; wasn't it?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. And isn't it true that R. J. Reynolds had
- 3 identified carcinogenic substances in tobacco even
- 4 before The Tobacco Institute was set up?
- 5 MR. FLYNN: Objection, there's no
- 6 foundation.
- 7 A. I wouldn't know.
- 8 Q. All right.
- 9 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 423 was marked
- for identification.)
- 11 MR. FLYNN: Let the record reflect this is
- 12 very difficult to read.
- 13 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 14 Q. Sir, showing you what's been marked as Exhibit
- 15 423, it's a document Bates numbered 501932947;
- 16 correct?
- 17 A. It is.
- 18 Q. And it's entitled "SURVEY OF CANCER RESEARCH
- 19 with emphasis on POSSIBLE CARC -- CARCINOGENS FROM
- 20 TOBACCO; " right?
- 21 A. It is.
- 22 Q. And it's by someone named Teague and it's dated
- 23 February 2nd, 1953; right?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. I would like you to direct your attention to the

- 1 page numbered 12 and follow a long with me. And I
- 2 know it's difficult to read, but the second paragraph
- 3 reads, "Bearing in mind the above qualifying
- 4 statements, certain general conclusions may be
- 5 derived from the data presented." Have I read it
- 6 correctly so far?
- 7 A. I believe so, yes.
- 8 Q. Goes on to say, "In all but a few cases one or
- 9 more tumors, usually of a malignant type, resulted
- 10 from application of various tobacco substances to the
- 11 skins of a variety of test animals." Have I read
- 12 that correctly?
- 13 A. I think so.
- 14 Q. Goes on to say, "In most cases the tumors
- 15 appeared only after a more or less prolonged latent
- 16 period." Did I read that correctly?
- 17 A. I think so, yes.
- 18 Q. Then it goes on to say, "The results are
- 19 somewhat inconclusive but indicate that substances
- 20 derived from tobacco have some degree of carcinogenic
- 21 activity." Did I read it correctly?
- 22 A. I think you did, yes.
- 23 Q. We've now come to the end of that paragraph;
- 24 haven't we, sir?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. Did The Tobacco Institute ever provide the
- 2 public the information contained in that paragraph?
- 3 MR. FLYNN: Objection, it's argumentative,
- 4 without foundation.
- 5 A. Not to the best of my knowledge. I don't know
- 6 what this document is or where it comes from.
- 7 Q. Well it comes from R. J. Reynolds; doesn't it?
- 8 A. I don't know. You tell me.
- 9 Q. Well it says right on the side, "produced by
- 10 RJRTC; right?
- 11 MR. FLYNN: I object, it's argumentative.
- 12 A. Well if that's visible to you, I congratulate
- 13 your eyesight. I cannot make that out.
- 14 Q. You can't make that out on the side of page 12
- 15 that we were just reading from?
- 16 A. Well it's difficult.
- 17 All right, I can.
- 18 Q. But just so we're clear here, The Tobacco
- 19 Institute has never provided the public with
- 20 information that materials applied to animals taken
- 21 from various tobacco substances cause malignant
- 22 tumors.
- MR. FLYNN: Objection, it's argumentative.
- 24 It misreads what this document says. But it's a
- 25 separate question, if you can answer it.

- 1 A. You know, it's difficult for me to know if
- 2 that's true for every single publication the
- 3 Institute has ever issued with respect to smoking and
- 4 health. We may well have included such references.
- 5 Q. Can you point me or direct me to one?
- 6 A. I think I was clear in my response that there
- 7 may be references to this kind of thing in Tobacco
- 8 Institute documents. If you're asking me do these
- 9 very words in this order, in these phrases, appear in
- 10 a Tobacco Institute document, I'd say probably not,
- 11 since this appears to be from 1953.
- 12 Q. Well sir, --
- 13 A. And this is obviously --
- 14 Q. -- could you get out --
- 15 A. -- is not a public document.
- 16 Q. Could you get out Exhibit 413, "The cigarette
- 17 controversy, eight questions and answers?"
- 18 A. All right.
- 19 Q. Now there is information presented about painted
- 20 or injected mice; correct?
- 21 A. Where are you in this document?
- 22 Q. Page eight.
- 23 A. Thank you.
- MR. FLYNN: Do you want to focus the
- 25 witness on where you're looking?

- 1 Q. Under the heading "Painted and injected mice."
- 2 A. All right, uh-huh.
- 3 Q. Sir, there's nothing contained in this document
- 4 that talks about painted and injected mice that
- 5 reveals the information contained in Exhibit 423;
- 6 right?
- 7 MR. FLYNN: Again it's argumentative. They
- 8 both speak for themselves, but --
- 9 A. Well, you know, I think that this portion on
- 10 painted and injected mice reveals just what it says
- 11 it reveals.
- 12 Does it -- does it transfer word for word from
- 13 this Teague document? No, it's not meant to.
- 14 Q. Well sir, there's nothing in The Tobacco
- 15 Institute booklet entitled "The cigarette
- 16 controversy, eight questions and answers, " concerning
- 17 painted and injected mice that in any way reveals
- 18 that experiments where tobacco substances which were
- 19 applied to the skins of test animals revealed
- 20 malignant tumors; correct?
- 21 MR. FLYNN: I object, it's argumentative,
- 22 and I --
- 23 You're making the witness compare and read two
- 24 technical studies. But if you can answer it, answer
- 25 it.

- 1 A. Well I think it's very clear what the one
- 2 document says and what the other document says.
- 3 Q. Well they sure don't say the same thing; do
- 4 they, sir?
- 5 MR. FLYNN: Well that's argumentative. And
- 6 you interrupted the witness's answer.
- 7 A. I think it's very clear that they're not meant
- 8 to say the same thing either; isn't it?
- 9 Q. But of course the cigarette -- I'm sorry -- the
- 10 tobacco industry document entitled "The cigarette
- 11 controversy, eight questions and answers" was,
- 12 according to the very first page, supposed to be a
- 13 full, free and informed public discussion; right?
- MR. FLYNN: Again, it's argumentative.
- 15 A. No, that is not what that means, and I think you
- 16 understand clearly that this document was never
- 17 intended to be all-inclusive. It was intended to
- 18 contribute to that full, free and informed
- 19 discussion, but it was never intended to be the
- 20 entire discussion of the -- of the matter.
- 21 Q. Well sir, it certainly doesn't give us the
- 22 information that malignant tumors resulted from
- 23 animals being painted with tobacco condensate; does
- 24 it?
- 25 MR. FLYNN: That's argumentative. It

- 1 speaks for itself. It's also repetitive; you've
- 2 asked him about five times now.
- 3 A. It's very clear that that information was
- 4 available to the public and had been printed in a
- 5 number of documents, a number of articles in the
- 6 public press. This was no secret in -- at the time
- 7 this Tobacco Institute document was published.
- 8 Q. You're saying the -- the existence of malignant
- 9 tumors in animals through tobacco skin-painting was
- 10 well known to the public. Is that what you're
- 11 saying?
- MR. FLYNN: Objection, it's argumentative.
- 13 A. I'm saying that the fact that these experiments
- 14 have taken place were the subject of articles in
- 15 widely read publications, such as the Reader's
- 16 Digest, and were the subject of many press reports,
- 17 and certainly I think were widely distributed, widely
- 18 disseminated within this country. I'm sure many
- 19 people had heard of it and understood it.
- 20 Q. Sir, are you saying that the evidence that's
- 21 included in Exhibit 423 concerning the finding at RJR
- 22 of -- of malignant tumors in 1953 was well known by
- 23 the public?
- 24 A. In 1953?
- 25 Q. Yes.

- 1 A. I do not know.
- 2 Q. Sir, isn't it a fact that by 1955, essentially
- 3 all epidemiological reports demonstrated a
- 4 correlation between lung cancer and excessive
- 5 smoking?
- 6 A. I don't know what's meant by that statement.
- 7 Q. Well sir, you would agree that by 1955,
- 8 scientific studies recognized an increase of lung
- 9 cancer that was probably not environmentally caused?
- 10 MR. FLYNN: Objection, argumentative. It's
- 11 also without foundation. He's told you several times
- 12 he wasn't involved in '55.
- 13 A. I can't respond to that question without knowing
- 14 much more about what you're trying to ask me.
- 15 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 424 was marked
- for identification.)
- 17 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 18 Q. Sir, showing you what's been marked as
- 19 Plaintiffs' Exhibit 424, this is a document produced
- 20 by the Liggett company, Bates numbered 0062293. Have
- 21 I identified it correctly?
- 22 A. Yes, you have.
- 23 Q. And it's entitled "A Review -- A Review
- 24 Pertaining to the Possible Carcinogenic Activity of
- 25 Cigarette Smoke; "right?

- 1 A. That's --
- Well that's not really the exact title. You
- 3 dropped a couple of words.
- 4 Q. All right. Let me rephrase it. The title of
- 5 this document is "A Review of Work Pertaining to the
- 6 Possible Carcinogenic Activity of Cigarette Smoke;"
- 7 right?
- 8 A. That is correct.
- 9 Q. Now if you look down at the bottom of the first
- 10 page, there is reference to a summary; correct?
- 11 A. Is that the paragraph which begins "The second
- 12 part of this review will be devoted to a summary of
- 13 all of the work which has been done here and at
- 14 Arthur D. Little Incorporated that is connected with
- 15 the lung cancer problem?"
- 16 Q. Yes, sir. Then it goes on to say, "This summary
- 17 will include: (a) Results of attempts to isolate and
- 18 identify carcinogenic substances in the smoke from
- 19 cigarette paper, tobacco and cigarettes...; " correct?
- 20 A. Yes, uh-huh.
- 21 Q. All right. Sir, this document goes on to relate
- 22 that there had been a sharp increase in the number of
- 23 reported cases of lung cancer in recent years;
- 24 right?
- 25 MR. FLYNN: Again I object, it speaks for

- 1 itself. But if you can focus the witness on where
- 2 you want him to look. It's a some 30-page document.
- 3 A. This is not something I've seen before. If --
- 4 if you've got specific questions, can we focus on a
- 5 section?
- 6 Q. Certainly.
- 7 Could you look at the top of the second page.
- 8 A. All right.
- 9 Q. And there it says, "In recent years there has
- 10 been a sharp increase in the number of reported cases
- 11 of lung cancer." Right?
- 12 A. Yes, it does.
- 13 Q. And it goes on to say, later in the same
- 14 paragraph, "...it seems to be rather generally
- 15 accepted that there is a real increase in lung cancer
- 16 incidence;" correct?
- 17 A. Yes. Yes, it does say that.
- 18 Q. Now if you go on to page -- the top of page
- 19 three of this document --
- 20 A. All right.
- 21 Q. -- there is reference to studies which found
- 22 3,4-benzopyrene found in tars collected from burning
- 23 cigarette paper, tobacco and cigarettes; correct?
- 24 MR. FLYNN: I object. I -- if you see
- 25 it --

- 1 A. I don't think that's page three.
- 2 Q. Oh, maybe it's page five. I'm sorry. It's the
- 3 one that ends Bates number 297.
- 4 A. All right.
- 5 MR. FLYNN: If you could re-ask the
- 6 question, please, or reread it.
- 7 Q. Sir, at the top of page five there is reference
- 8 to studies which found 3,4-benzopyrene in tars
- 9 collected from burning cigarette paper, tobacco and
- 10 cigarettes; right?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Now you understand that benzopyrene is a
- 13 carcinogen; right?
- 14 MR. FLYNN: Objection, foundation. If you
- 15 know --
- 16 A. I understand that there have been charges that
- 17 benzopyrene is causally related to cancer, yes.
- 18 Q. And benzopyrene is inhaled every time a smoker
- 19 inhales a puff of a cigarette; right?
- 20 A. I don't know that to be the case.
- 21 Q. You'd leave that to the experts; right?
- 22 A. That is correct.
- 23 Q. Okay. Now this document confirms -- no, strike
- 24 that.
- Would you look at page 2294 and read it to

- 1 yourself.
- 2 MR. FLYNN: Page two of the --
- 3 A. This is what's page two of the document?
- 4 Q. Yes, sir.
- 5 A. All right.
- 6 All right.
- 7 Q. Now this portion of the document concerns
- 8 statistical studies; doesn't it?
- 9 MR. FLYNN: Again it speaks for itself.
- 10 Objection.
- 11 A. Yeah, it concerns some statistical studies on --
- 12 on lung cancer and smoking.
- 13 Q. And it concludes that results from numerous
- 14 statistical studies -- I'm sorry. Strike that. And
- 15 it concludes that essentially all of these studies --
- 16 strike that.
- 17 And it concludes that in essentially all of
- 18 these studies, the authors reported an apparent
- 19 correlation between lung cancer incidence and
- 20 excessive smoking; right?
- 21 MR. FLYNN: That's -- I object to the
- 22 partial quote; it's incomplete.
- 23 A. Yeah, that's one sentence out of it. Yes,
- 24 uh-huh.
- 25 Q. And it goes on to talk about there being a

- 1 disagreement as to the extent of the correlation;
- 2 right?
- 3 A. Yes. It says many of the reports disagree as to
- 4 the extent of this correlation.
- 5 Q. Not to the correlation, but to the extent of the
- 6 correlation; right?
- 7 A. Yeah.
- 8 Q. All right. Doesn't say that there's a
- 9 controversy about whether there was a correlation
- 10 between lung-cancer incidence and excessive smoking;
- 11 was -- does it?
- MR. FLYNN: Objection, it's argumentative.
- 13 It speaks for itself. It says what it says.
- 14 A. In that section of it, no, there isn't any such
- 15 reference.
- 16 Q. Now sir, this document goes on to attribute one
- 17 of the causes in -- of the increase of lung cancer to
- 18 cigarette smoking; doesn't it?
- 19 MR. FLYNN: Again I object as vague and
- 20 ambiguous.
- 21 A. Where are we?
- MR. FLYNN: What page are you looking at?
- 23 Q. Could you go back to page five, the one that
- 24 ends 2297.
- 25 A. All right. "Summary?"

- 1 Q. Yes, sir. And there it says, "The apparent
- 2 widespread incidence" -- I'm sorry.
- 3 And there it says, "The apparent widespread
- 4 increase of lung cancer incidence seems to point to
- 5 some causative agent or agents which would exhibit
- 6 the following properties." Have I read that
- 7 correctly?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. All right. And it gives points a. through e.
- 10 and then goes on to say, "On the basis of the above
- 11 properties the following factors would be viewed with
- 12 suspicion." Right?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. And the last one of those in the list is
- 15 "Cigarette smoking;" correct?
- 16 A. The last of four, yes.
- 17 Q. But it is on the list; right?
- 18 A. It is.
- 19 Q. Could you turn to page 309. There at the top is
- 20 the heading "Experimental Work in Our Laboratories on
- 21 Possible Carcinogenic Substances in the Combustion
- 22 Products of Paper, Tobacco and Cigarettes." Right?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. Would you read this page to yourself, please.
- MR. FLYNN: The record should reflect part

- 1 of this is hard to read, especially that second
- 2 paragraph.
- 3 A. Well there -- there are parts of this I just
- 4 can't make out.
- 5 Q. All right. Well let's see if I can help you.
- If you'd look at the bottom of the page, do you
- 7 see where it says, "3,4-Benzopyrene has been
- 8 identified in smoke condensate from cigarette paper,
- 9 from both paper and tobacco wrapped cigarettes, and
- 10 in the trapped and main stream smoke of filter tipped
- 11 cigarettes?"
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Did The Tobacco Institute provide in its
- 14 publications, in its public statements on smoking and
- 15 health, information that benzopyrene had been
- 16 identified in materials in smoke condensate?
- 17 A. I don't know if we did or not.
- 18 Q. Sir, isn't it a fact that by 1958, when The
- 19 Tobacco Institute was formed, a variety of scientists
- 20 within the companies that formed the Institute
- 21 believed that cigarette smoking caused cancer?
- 22 A. I don't know if that's a fact or not.
- MS. WIVELL: This has already been marked.
- 24 It is Exhibit 304.
- 25 (Exhibit 304 handed to the witness.)

- 1 MR. FLYNN: For the record, the original
- 2 has got "CONFIDENTIAL" stamped on it, for whatever
- 3 note that might be. Okay.
- 4 THE REPORTER: That is an indication that
- 5 it's a certified copy of the original, which is back
- 6 in my office.
- 7 MR. FLYNN: The word "CONFIDENTIAL?"
- 8 THE REPORTER: Yes.
- 9 MR. FLYNN: Okay. It's not the original,
- 10 but okay.
- 11 Q. Sir, showing you what's been marked as Exhibit
- 12 304, this is a report on visit to U.S.A. and Canada,
- 13 17th April through 12th May 1958 by Bentley, Felton
- 14 and Reid; correct?
- 15 A. Correct.
- 16 Q. And it was produced by B.A.T. Company Ltd. in
- 17 the Minnesota tobacco litigation; right?
- 18 A. That is correct.
- 19 Q. Have you seen this document before?
- 20 A. I believe I have. It looks somewhat familiar.
- 21 Q. All right.
- 22 A. It may have been one I reviewed.
- 23 Q. Sir, this document reports the visit of these
- 24 three individuals from the United Kingdom who met
- 25 with a variety of different people on the subject of

- 1 smoking and health; right?
- 2 A. That's what they say they've done, yes.
- 3 Q. And their itinerary is set forth on page two of
- 4 the document; right?
- 5 A. It is.
- 6 Q. According to the itinerary these folks met with
- 7 representatives of The American Tobacco Company.
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 Q. And at the time of this meeting the American
- 10 Tobacco Company was a member of The Tobacco
- 11 Institute; right?
- MR. FLYNN: Objection, foundation. But
- 13 if --
- 14 A. I don't know what month in 1958 The Tobacco
- 15 Institute was formed.
- 16 Q. Fair enough. But at least you know that the
- 17 American Tobacco Company was one of the initiating
- 18 members of The Tobacco Institute; right?
- 19 A. I believe that's correct.
- 20 Q. Now they also met with representatives from
- 21 Liggett & Myers; right?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Was Liggett & Myers one of the founding members
- 24 of The Tobacco Institute?
- 25 A. I don't know, frankly. I'd have to look at the

- 1 record.
- 2 Q. They met with folks from Philip Morris; right?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And Philip Morris was one of the founding
- 5 members of The Tobacco Institute; wasn't it?
- 6 A. I believe so.
- 7 Q. They also met with representatives of the TIRC
- 8 in New York; correct?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And the TIRC, I think we said earlier, was the
- 11 forerunner organization of The Council for Tobacco
- 12 Research?
- 13 A. Right.
- 14 Q. Okay. And they met with folks from
- 15 Sloan-Kettering Institute in New York?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. They met with people from the National Cancer
- 18 Institute?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. And Johns Hopkins?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And according to this document, with one
- 23 exception, the individuals with whom they met
- 24 believed that smoking causes lung cancer; right?
- 25 MR. FLYNN: I object, it speaks for

- 1 itself. But focus the witness on wherever you're
- 2 extracting that data. You want to focus him on where
- 3 you want him to look?
- 4 Q. Page two, sir. Do you see a heading, quote,
- 5 "'CAUSATION' OF LUNG CANCER?
- 6 A. Yes, I do.
- 7 Q. And there does it say, "With one exception, the
- 8 individuals whom we met believed that smoking causes
- 9 lung cancer...?"
- 10 MR. FLYNN: I --
- 11 Q. Have I read it --
- 12 MR. FLYNN: I object to your incomplete
- 13 reading of a sentence. It's one thing not to read
- 14 the paragraph, it's another to not even read the
- 15 sentence. It's an incomplete reading of the
- 16 statement.
- MS. WIVELL: All right. Let me rephrase
- 18 the question.
- 19 Q. And there it says, quote, "With one exception,
- 20 paren, H.S.N. Greene, paren, the individuals with
- 21 whom we met believed that smoking causes lung cancer
- 22 if by, quote, causation, quote, we mean any chain of
- 23 events which leads finally to lung cancer and which
- 24 involves smoking as an indispensable link." Did I
- 25 read it correctly?

- 1 A. Yes, you did.
- 2 Q. Sir, the tobacco industry has never provided the
- 3 information that representatives of American Tobacco
- 4 and Liggett & Myers, Philip Morris and the TIRC
- 5 believed that smoking causes lung cancer; --
- 6 MR. FLYNN: Objection.
- 7 Q. -- has it?
- 8 MR. FLYNN: It's argumentative, without
- 9 foundation.
- 10 A. The Tobacco Institute has not provided that
- 11 information, nor do I know that the gentleman who
- 12 wrote this report accurately reflected the opinions
- 13 of those whom they spoke with.
- 14 Q. Well at least that's what it says here; right?
- MR. FLYNN: Again, objection.
- 16 A. It says what it says.
- 17 Q. Now it goes on on page three to discuss
- 18 carcinogenicity of smoke to animals; right?
- 19 A. Yes, that's correct.
- 20 Q. And there it talks about the fact that "No
- 21 possible doubt now remains that Wynder's results
- 22 using mouse skin painting are entirely genuine;"
- 23 right?
- 24 A. It does say that, yes.
- 25 Q. The Tobacco Institute never provided the public

- 1 with information that Wynder's result using mouse
- 2 skin-painting were genuine; right?
- 3 MR. FLYNN: Objection, it's argumentative.
- 4 It's also repetitive; I think you went through this
- 5 half an hour ago.
- 6 A. We didn't endorse Wynder's experiments, no.
- 7 Q. You never provided the information that his
- 8 experiments were correct, though; did you?
- 9 A. No, we did not, to the best of my knowledge.
- 10 Q. Would you turn to page eight. And I'm going to
- 11 direct your attention to the conclusions paragraph at
- 12 the bottom of the page. It says there, "Although
- 13 there remains some doubt as to the proportion of the
- 14 total lung cancer mortality which can be -- can
- 15 fairly be attributed to smoking, scientific opinion
- 16 in the United -- in the U.S.A. does not now seriously
- 17 doubt that the statistical correlation is real and
- 18 reflects a cause and effect relationship." Did I
- 19 read it correctly?
- 20 A. Yes, you did.
- 21 Q. The Tobacco Institute never provided the public
- 22 with the information contained in this paragraph; did
- 23 it?
- 24 A. The Tobacco Institute didn't provide the public
- 25 with this document. I don't think we knew it

- 1 existed.
- 2 Q. Sir, but the information contained here that
- 3 scientific opinion in the United States does not
- 4 seriously doubt the statistical correlation between
- 5 lung cancer mortality and smoking was real and
- 6 reflected a cause and effect relationship, that
- 7 information never found its way into the public
- 8 statement that The Tobacco Institute made; did it?
- 9 MR. FLYNN: Objection, it's vague,
- 10 ambiguous, argumentative. It's a dual question.
- 11 There are several statements in the paragraph.
- 12 You're lumping them all together.
- 13 A. If you're asking did The Tobacco Institute
- 14 reproduce this paragraph in any of our publications,
- 15 the answer is no.
- 16 Q. And in fact if we go back to Exhibit 413, The
- 17 Tobacco Institute claims that the case against
- 18 smoking is based almost entirely on inferences drawn
- 19 from statistics, and no causal relationship has
- 20 actually been established; right?
- 21 MR. FLYNN: Let us find the document.
- 22 A. 413?
- 23 MR. FLYNN: Oh, here it is, 413. What page
- 24 are you looking at?
- MS. WIVELL: Page four.

- 1 A. Yes, that's a correct quotation.
- 2 Q. And in fact it's directly contrary to this
- 3 document -- to what this document says concerning the
- 4 attitude of the scientific community in 1958
- 5 concerning smoking and lung cancer; isn't it?
- 6 MR. FLYNN: Object, it's totally
- 7 argumentative, is without foundation. You contrast
- 8 this whole document to that document.
- 9 A. Certainly there is a difference of opinion with
- 10 respect to what scientists believe about smoking and
- 11 health, and I think these two documents reflect that
- 12 better than anything else we've talked about today.
- 13 Q. Well these just aren't scientists that were
- 14 reflecting this opinion, these are tobacco company
- 15 scientists; aren't they, sir?
- 16 A. I don't know. Are they?
- 17 Q. Well do you recognize the names of the people
- 18 from American Tobacco Company that these visitors met
- 19 with?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. Do you recognize --
- 22 A. I don't know them.
- 23 Q. -- the names of the people from Liggett & Myers
- 24 who these scientists met with?
- 25 A. No, don't know them.

- 1 Q. Do you recognize the names of the people from
- 2 Philip Morris who these scientists met with?
- 3 A. I have a vague recollection of Seligman.
- 4 Q. And you do recognize the names of some of the
- 5 people, or at least one of the people who they met
- 6 with from the TIRC; right?
- 7 A. Yes, I -- I recognize two of the names.
- 8 Q. You recognize Dr. Hoyt's name; don't you?
- 9 A. No Dr. Hoyt here.
- 10 MR. FLYNN: It's mister on the list.
- 11 Q. I'm sorry. You recognize Mr. Hoyt's name;
- 12 right?
- 13 A. I am not certain if I recognize his name or
- 14 not. I might. I think he was an administrator.
- 15 Q. Says they met with Dr. Little, too; right?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. That's the same Dr. Little who is referred to in
- 18 Exhibit 408 who claimed that extensive scientific
- 19 research now under way into tobacco use in human
- 20 health did not substantiate generalized charges
- 21 against smoking as a cause of cancer; right?
- MR. FLYNN: Let the witness find the
- 23 document to affirm your reading of it, if that's what
- 24 you want him to do.
- 25 A. Which page of that were you reading from? First

- 1 page?
- 2 Q. I'm reading from the very first paragraph, sir.
- 3 A. That's what Dr. Little is quoted as saying in
- 4 this news release.
- 5 Q. From the TIRC; right?
- 6 A. That's correct.
- 7 Q. So he would be one of the people that is
- 8 included among those who believed that smoking causes
- 9 lung cancer, at least according to Exhibit 304;
- 10 right?
- 11 A. If you accept the statements that the authors of
- 12 this report, Exhibit No. 304, are making, it would
- 13 appear that Dr. Little is included.
- 14 Q. Now sir, could you turn to the last page of
- 15 Exhibit 304.
- 16 A. Yes. All right.
- 17 Q. Do you see point three, "The direct carcino" --
- 18 I'm sorry. Do you see point three?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. And that states, "The direct carcinogenicity of
- 21 smoke condensate to animal tissue, which is
- 22 consistent with direct causation, is now fully
- 23 confirmed but the evidence so far obtained makes it
- 24 unlikely that this activity is due to any single,
- 25 quote, super carcinogen, quote, in smoke; correct?

- 1 A. That's what it says, yes.
- 2 Q. Now that information is not contained in Exhibit
- 3 413 or any of the other Tobacco Institute documents
- 4 that talk about animal skin-painting of smoke
- 5 condensate; is it?
- 6 A. No. That's the opinion of these particular
- 7 authors, apparently.
- 8 Q. Based on what they learned from these people
- 9 they visited; right?
- 10 A. I don't know if it's based on that or something
- 11 else.
- 12 Q. Well you read this document before in
- 13 preparation for your deposition; right?
- 14 A. Yes, uh-huh.
- 15 Q. And you understand that this is a summary of
- 16 what they learned while they were in the United
- 17 States.
- 18 MR. FLYNN: Objection, it speaks for
- 19 itself.
- 20 A. I -- I understand that that is the purpose of
- 21 this document, yes.
- 22 Q. And in fact if we look down at point five, we
- 23 see that "The U.S. tobacco industry has accepted, de
- 24 facto if not de jure, the opinion of Wynder and
- 25 others that a reduction of overall production of

- 1 smoke per unit weight of cigarette is a useful step;"
- 2 correct?
- 3 A. That is what it says.
- 4 Q. Now sir, that information was never provided by
- 5 The Tobacco Institute either; was it?
- 6 A. It was not, to the best of my knowledge.
- 7 Q. Did The Tobacco Institute ever provide in any of
- 8 its public statements information that there were a
- 9 variety of compounds in cigarette smoke that will
- 10 produce cancer?
- 11 MR. FLYNN: Objection, it's argumentative,
- 12 vague and ambiguous, and overbroad.
- 13 A. I don't know if at sometime or another we might
- 14 have said something like that in all the publications
- 15 we -- we had available. I don't know.
- 16 Q. What are polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons?
- 17 A. I don't know.
- 18 Q. All right. You know that they are found in
- 19 cigarette smoke, right?
- 20 A. I believe I've heard that.
- 21 Q. All right. And you know that polycyclic
- 22 aromatic hydrocarbons isolated from smoke are known
- 23 to produce cancer in mice.
- 24 A. I can't say I know that, no.
- 25 Q. Did anyone ever provide you with information

- 1 from R. J. Reynolds that showed they had done
- 2 in-house research that showed polycyclic aromatic
- 3 hydrocarbons isolated from smoke were known to
- 4 produce cancer in mice?
- 5 A. I don't recall it.
- 6 (Document handed to the court reporter
- for marking.)
- 8 MS. WIVELL: Oh, stop. This exhibit has
- 9 already been marked as Plaintiffs' Exhibit 1049.
- 10 MR. FLYNN: Has it been used in a
- 11 deposition? 1049.
- 12 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 1049 handed to
- the witness.)
- 14 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 15 Q. Sir, I have had the court reporter place before
- 16 you what was previously marked as Exhibit 1049. Was
- 17 this a document that you saw in preparation for your
- 18 deposition?
- 19 A. I don't believe so.
- 20 Q. This is a document Bates numbered 500945942;
- 21 right?
- 22 A. 5942. I think that's right.
- 23 Q. Okay. And it's entitled "THE OPTIMUM
- 24 COMPOSITION OF TOBACCO AND ITS SMOKE; " right?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. It's dated November 2nd, 1959.
- 2 A. Yes, it is.
- 3 Q. Could you take a moment and read the first page.
- 4 A. All right.
- 5 Q. Now sir, this first page of this document talks
- 6 about the presence of carcinogenic or
- 7 cancer-producing polycyclic hydrocarbons; correct?
- 8 MR. FLYNN: I object, it's an incomplete
- 9 reference, but --
- 10 A. One of the things it talks about.
- 11 Q. And one of those polycyclic hydrocarbons that it
- 12 talks about is benzopyrene; right?
- MR. FLYNN: Again, object, it's an
- 14 incomplete description and quote of the thing, if
- 15 you're quoting it. But --
- 16 A. It says 3,4-benzopyrene, which I guess is what
- 17 you're referring to.
- 18 Q. All right. And it says since that first report
- 19 in 1954, quote, approximately 60 similar compounds
- 20 have been isolated from the smoke of cigarettes,
- 21 close quote; right?
- 22 A. It does.
- 23 Q. Now it goes on to talk about eight of those
- 24 polycyclic hydrocarbons isolated from smoke; right?
- 25 A. Yes, uh-huh.

- 1 Q. And it says that those eight polycyclic
- 2 hydrocarbons isolated from smoke are known to produce
- 3 cancer in mice; right?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Now it goes on to say that while there is no
- 6 evidence of any of these compounds producing cancer
- 7 in man, quote, "Nonetheless, there is a distinct
- 8 possibility that these substances would have a
- 9 carcinogenic effect on the human respiratory system;"
- 10 right?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Now sir, did the Tobacco Institute ever provide
- 13 information to the -- in any of its public statements
- 14 about smoking and health to the effect that there
- 15 were substances which were known carcinogens in smoke
- 16 which would probably have an effect on the human
- 17 respiratory system?
- 18 A. No, nothing that -- that would have attributed
- 19 such a statement to us.
- 20 Q. Okay. And did you ever learn this information
- 21 before I gave you this document today?
- 22 A. Well there seem to be bits and pieces of it that
- 23 are somewhat familiar, perhaps from some of the
- 24 reading I've done over the years. I am confident
- 25 I've never seen this document before.

- 1 Q. Now it goes on to say, "Medical experience has
- 2 shown that man responds to various chemical
- 3 substances in the same manner as experimental
- 4 animals; doesn't it?
- 5 A. It does.
- 6 Q. Now we reviewed today several different
- 7 documents which talked about animal painting,
- 8 skin-painting and experiments; right?
- 9 A. Yes, we have.
- 10 Q. And in none of those was the information
- 11 contained in this document about the carcinogenic
- 12 effect of these substances that are referred to here
- 13 disclosed.
- MR. FLYNN: Objection, it's argumentative,
- 15 without foundation. But -- it's also so broad I
- 16 don't know how it could be answered, but go ahead,
- 17 answer it if you can.
- 18 A. If you could repeat that question and perhaps
- 19 condense it, it would help me.
- 20 Q. All right. In the documents we saw, the public
- 21 statements from The Tobacco Institute that we looked
- 22 at earlier today, the information was not
- 23 contained -- strike that.
- In the documents we saw earlier today, the
- 25 public statements from The Tobacco Institute, there

- 1 were no references to the presence of polycyclic
- 2 hydrocarbons from smoke condensate and their
- 3 carcinogenic effect; were there?
- 4 MR. FLYNN: I object, they all speak for
- 5 themselves. But if you can recall them. All you can
- 6 ask is for his recall.
- 7 A. To the best of my recollection, there weren't
- 8 any such references.
- 9 Q. I'm sorry, I have a bit of a hearing problem.
- 10 You said there were not?
- 11 A. To the best of my recollection, there were no
- 12 such references.
- 13 Q. This paragraph goes on to say it was
- 14 therefore -- I'm sorry.
- This paragraph goes on to say, "It follows
- 16 therefore that it would be better for the consumer if
- 17 cigarette smoke were devoid of such compounds;"
- 18 right?
- 19 A. It does.
- 20 Q. And this information was never furnished to you
- 21 while you were at The Tobacco Institute at any time?
- MR. FLYNN: Object, it's vague and
- 23 ambiguous. Which information?
- 24 A. If you mean by that this document, I am
- 25 confident that I have not seen this document before

- 1 today.
- 2 Q. Sir, isn't it a fact that as early as 19 --
- 3 as -- strike that.
- 4 Isn't it a fact that in the early 1960s, members
- 5 of The Tobacco Institute were well aware that there
- 6 were cancer-causing substances in cigarettes?
- 7 MR. FLYNN: Argumentative, vague.
- 8 A. I don't know.
- 9 Q. Well carcinogenic means cancer-causing; doesn't
- 10 it?
- 11 A. I believe it does.
- 12 Q. And there are references to those kinds of
- 13 materials being found in smoke condensate in Exhibit
- 14 1049; aren't there?
- MR. FLYNN: That's repetitive. You've
- 16 already asked and answered this.
- 17 A. There are references to that in this exhibit.
- 18 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 425 was marked
- for identification.)
- 20 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 21 Q. Sir, showing you what's been marked as
- 22 Plaintiffs' Exhibit 425, it is a document Bates
- 23 numbered 2021382496; correct?
- 24 A. Correct.
- 25 Q. And it is dated March 15th, 1961; right?

- 1 A. It is.
- 2 Q. And it's headed "Arthur D. Little, Inc.;" right?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And this is a document produced by Liggett &
- 5 Myers dated 3-15-61; right?
- 6 MR. FLYNN: Objection, there's no
- 7 foundation. How he'd know where the document came
- 8 from, I don't know.
- 9 MS. WIVELL: Fair enough.
- 10 A. I don't know.
- 11 Q. Let me withdraw the question.
- 12 This document is dated March 15th, 1961; isn't
- 13 it?
- 14 A. Yes, it is.
- 15 Q. Now Arthur D. Little, that's a name that came up
- 16 just a few minutes ago; didn't it?
- 17 A. Yes, it did, in some context or another.
- 18 Q. Do you understand, based on your knowledge, that
- 19 Arthur D. Little, Inc. was a testing lab; wasn't it?
- 20 A. I understood they did research or contracted
- 21 research.
- 22 Q. Laboratory research.
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. Okay. This document is headed "CONFIDENTIAL
- 25 LIMITED;" right?

- 1 A. Yes, it is.
- 2 Q. Then it says, "L&M A PERSPECTIVE REVIEW."
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. It says, "There are biologically active
- 5 materials present in cigarette tobacco." Right?
- 6 A. That's correct.
- 7 Q. Goes on to say, "These are," and then it lists
- 8 four things; right?
- 9 A. It does.
- 10 Q. The first is "cancer causing;" right?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. The second is "cancer promoting;" right?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. The third is "poisonous;" right?
- 15 A. Correct.
- 16 Q. And the fourth is "stimulating, pleasurable, and
- 17 flavorable; "right?
- 18 A. "Flavorful."
- 19 Q. "Flavorful;" right?
- 20 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 21 Q. Now it goes on to list the poisonous group. It
- 22 includes carbon monoxide and nitrous oxide; correct?
- 23 A. Those are two of them.
- MR. FLYNN: Objection.
- 25 A. I don't know what the third one is.

- 1 Q. I can't read it either. It says that they
- 2 cannot be reduced, though; doesn't it?
- 3 MR. FLYNN: It speaks for itself.
- 4 A. Yeah. Yes.
- 5 Q. Then the next paragraph --
- 6 MR. FLYNN: I object. It says there is no
- 7 reason why they couldn't be reduced, when you read
- 8 the document.
- 9 MS. WIVELL: I'm sorry, fair enough.
- 10 Q. Goes on --
- 11 It says that there's no reason why the poisonous
- 12 group cannot be reduced; right?
- 13 A. That is correct.
- 14 Q. And it suggests ways that they might be reduced,
- 15 including filtration.
- 16 A. Yes, uh-huh.
- 17 Q. The next paragraph or the next point, point
- 18 number three, refers to the cancer-promoting material
- 19 including esters, phenols, something I can't read.
- 20 Correct?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 MR. FLYNN: Objection, it's an incomplete
- 23 reference, but go ahead. It says "can possibly be
- 24 reduced."
- 25 Q. And point four talks about the cancer-causing

- 1 materials present in cigarette tobacco; right?
- 2 MR. FLYNN: It speaks for itself. But --
- 3 A. Yes, it says more than that, frankly, but that's
- 4 a part of it.
- 5 Q. Okay. It says, "The cancer-causing materials
- 6 apparently are in many substances that are pyrolized
- 7 but seem to be associated with tobacco in greater
- 8 concentration than for primary cellulose; " right?
- 9 A. Is that "primarily cellulose?"
- 10 Q. "For primarily cellulose?"
- 11 A. That's nonsense. I don't understand that.
- 12 Q. All right. But that's what it says; right?
- 13 A. I guess.
- 14 Q. Did The Tobacco Institute ever provide in any of
- 15 its public statements the fact that there were
- 16 biologically active materials present in cigarette
- 17 smoke?
- 18 A. I'm not aware that we ever used those words in
- 19 any of our publications.
- 20 Q. Did The Tobacco Institute in any of its public
- 21 statements concerning smoking and health reveal that
- 22 there were cancer-promoting materials in cigarette
- 23 tobacco?
- MR. FLYNN: Objection, argumentative,
- 25 without foundation.

- 1 A. I don't recall that The Tobacco Institute in any
- 2 of our public statements or materials ever said that
- 3 there were cancer-promoting materials in tobacco or
- 4 tobacco smoke.
- 5 Q. All right. Did The Tobacco Institute in any of
- 6 its public statements concerning smoking and health
- 7 ever reveal to the public that there were
- 8 cancer-causing materials in tobacco or tobacco
- 9 smoke?
- 10 MR. FLYNN: Objection, it's argumentative.
- 11 It's so broad and un -- and without limitation.
- 12 A. We wouldn't have made any statements that
- 13 were -- that we attributed to our own opinion;
- 14 however, we certainly would have referred to those
- 15 opinions of others with respect to cancer causation
- 16 and smoking.
- 17 Q. Well how about the information that's contained
- 18 in this document, did The Tobacco Institute ever tell
- 19 the public in any of its public statements that there
- 20 were cancer-causing agents in cigarette tobacco?
- 21 MR. FLYNN: Objection, repetitive, vague
- 22 and ambiguous, argumentative. I think he just
- 23 answered it.
- 24 A. If --
- 25 You know, if the question refers to this

- 1 document, it's clearly an internal document which
- 2 would not have been shared with The Tobacco
- 3 Institute, so we couldn't have been expected to
- 4 reproduce it.
- 5 Q. Well sir, you told me earlier in testimony in
- 6 this deposition that one of the sources that The
- 7 Tobacco Institute got information from was its member
- 8 tobacco companies; correct?
- 9 A. Oh, yes.
- 10 Q. And the industry --
- 11 To go back to my question: Did The Tobacco
- 12 Institute at any time in any of its public statements
- 13 ever say that there were cancer-causing materials in
- 14 tobacco?
- MR. FLYNN: Again it's repetitive, vague,
- 16 argumentative. You've answered it.
- 17 A. We may have attributed that speculation to
- 18 others, but it's not a statement that we would have
- 19 made or claimed and attributed to ourselves.
- 20 Q. Now Liggett & Myers at the time this report was
- 21 dated was a member of The Tobacco Institute; wasn't
- 22 it?
- 23 A. I believe so, although I'm not certain.
- 24 Q. All right. Let's get out The Tobacco Institute
- 25 answers to interrogatories, which are Exhibit 402.

- 1 A. I have it.
- 2 Q. Would you turn to page 15?
- 3 A. I have it.
- 4 Q. And there under 1961 you see that Liggett &
- 5 Myers was a member of The Tobacco Institute at the
- 6 time this document was dated; correct?
- 7 A. Correct.
- 8 Q. This is just --
- 9 The information that's contained in this
- 10 document was just never provided to The Tobacco
- 11 Institute; is that right?
- 12 A. Not to the best of my knowledge. I'm not
- 13 familiar with it.
- 14 Q. Since you have Exhibit 402 in front of you,
- 15 could you turn to page 15 again and tell me if RJR,
- 16 R. J. Reynolds, was a member of The Tobacco Institute
- 17 in 1959, the date of Exhibit 1049?
- 18 A. Yes, it was.
- 19 Q. And the information contained in Exhibit 1049
- 20 was never provided to The Tobacco Institute; was it?
- 21 A. Not to the best of my knowledge.
- 22 Q. Now in 1961 Philip Morris was a member of The
- 23 Tobacco Institute; wasn't it?
- 24 A. Yes, it was.
- 25 Q. And isn't it a fact that Philip Morris, as of

- 1 1961, knew that there was a statistical association
- 2 that suggested that smoking may be a causative factor
- 3 in lung cancer, bladder cancer and cardiovascular
- 4 disease?
- 5 MR. FLYNN: Objection, there's no
- 6 foundation. How is he supposed to know that?
- 7 A. Yeah. I don't know what Philip Morris may have
- 8 known in 1961.
- 9 Q. Well that's information that Philip Morris never
- 10 provided to The Tobacco Institute, at least that
- 11 you're aware of; right?
- 12 A. Not to the best of my recollection.
- 13 THE REPORTER: Can we go off the record a
- 14 moment, please.
- 15 (Discussion off the record.)
- 16 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 426 was marked
- for identification.)
- MS. WIVELL: Oh, I'm sorry. This has
- 19 previously been marked as 152.
- THE REPORTER: Off the record, please.
- 21 (Discussion off the record.)
- 22 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 426 was withdrawn
- from evidence.)
- MR. FLYNN: It's now 152. Is that the
- 25 exhibit?

- 1 THE REPORTER: That's correct.
- 2 BY MS. WIVELL:
- 3 Q. Sir, showing you what previously was marked as
- 4 Exhibit 152, it's a document Bates numbered
- 5 1000277423; correct?
- 6 A. Yes, that's correct.
- 7 Q. And if we turn to the second page of the
- 8 document, we can see that it's a Philip Morris
- 9 document entitled "TOBACCO AND HEALTH-R&D APPROACH."
- 10 Right?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. And it was presented to the R&D committee by Dr.
- 13 H. Wakeham at a meeting held on November 15th, 1961;
- 14 right?
- 15 A. Right.
- 16 Q. Now sir, could you turn to the Bates number that
- 17 ends 434.
- 18 A. All right.
- 19 Q. There is a list entitled "PARTIAL LIST OF
- 20 COMPOUNDS IN CIGARETTE SMOKE ALSO IDENTIFIED AS
- 21 CARCINOGENS; " correct?
- 22 A. That is correct.
- 23 Q. And if we look at page -- the page that ends in
- 24 435, there is also a list of some cancer-promoting
- 25 agents; right?

- 1 A. That is correct.
- 2 Q. Now sir, did The Tobacco Institute ever provide
- 3 this list of compounds that's on page 434 in any of
- 4 its public statements, compounds from cigarette smoke
- 5 that were identified as carcinogens?
- 6 MR. FLYNN: Objection, there's no
- 7 foundation.
- 8 A. Not to the best of my knowledge.
- 9 Q. Turning to the list of cancer-promoting agents,
- 10 did The Tobacco Institute ever provide in any of its
- 11 public statements any of the list of cancer-promoting
- 12 agents that are found in this document?
- MR. FLYNN: Same objections, there's no
- 14 foundation, but go ahead.
- 15 A. Not to the best of my knowledge.
- 16 Q. Would you turn to the page that ends with Bates
- 17 number 431.
- 18 A. All right.
- 19 Q. It's titled "EVIDENCE LINKING CANCER AND
- 20 TOBACCO; " correct?
- 21 A. Yes, it is.
- 22 Q. And it says, "Based on two main points;" right?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. Talks about "Statistical evidence that certain
- 25 diseases are more prevalent among smokers than

- 1 non-smokers; " right?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. That lists lung cancer, bladder cancer and
- 4 cardiovascular disease.
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Goes on to say, "These associations suggest that
- 7 smoking may be a causative factor; doesn't it?
- 8 A. It does.
- 9 Q. And sir, did The Tobacco Institute in any of its
- 10 public statements ever tell the public that smoking
- 11 may be a causative factor of lung cancer, bladder
- 12 cancer or cardiovascular disease?
- 13 MR. FLYNN: Again I object, it's
- 14 repetitious -- repetitive and argumentative, going
- 15 through what they told people. But --
- 16 A. By reference to statements from anti-tobacco
- 17 scientists we may have, certainly.
- 18 Q. But certainly The Tobacco Institute has never
- 19 disclosed that a research development scientist from
- 20 Philip Morris believed that smoking may be a
- 21 causative factor in lung cancer, bladder cancer or
- 22 cardiovascular disease; right?
- 23 MR. FLYNN: Objection, objection, it's
- 24 argumentative, it assumes a set of knowledge not
- 25 established. But you can answer it.

- 1 A. I don't know, but that's -- that's Mr. Wakeham's
- 2 conclusion. I haven't read this.
- 3 Q. Well it does say, quote, "These associations
- 4 suggest that smoking may be a causative factor;"
- 5 doesn't it?
- 6 A. It does. I don't know if that's his conclusion
- 7 or if he's quoting someone else.
- 8 Q. But at least The Tobacco Institute never said,
- 9 "Here we have evidence from within the tobacco
- 10 companies themselves that smoking may be a causative
- 11 factor in lung cancer, bladder cancer or
- 12 cardiovascular disease; " right?
- 13 MR. FLYNN: I object, it's argumentative
- 14 and overbroad. It's also repetitive, I think.
- 15 A. The Tobacco Institute, to the best of my
- 16 knowledge, did not make such a statement.
- 17 Q. Sir, could you turn to the page that ends 430.
- 18 A. All right.
- 19 Q. There do you see the definition for carcinogen?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. It's defined as a substance which, applied to
- 22 the tissue of a test animal, gives rise to tumor
- 23 formation; right?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Then it goes on to say, "In tests for carcinogen

- 1 it is assumed that tumors ultimately lead to
- 2 cancerous growth, and that a carcinogen -- carcinogen
- 3 so demonstrated in test animals is dangerous to man;"
- 4 right?
- 5 A. That's correct.
- 6 Q. Now did The Tobacco Institute ever provide in
- 7 any of its public statements information that
- 8 carcinogens in animals were dangerous to man?
- 9 MR. FLYNN: Again I object, it's
- 10 argumentative and so overbroad. But if you know.
- 11 A. I think The Tobacco Institute may in its
- 12 publications have made reference to those statements
- 13 made by others, but certainly that wouldn't have been
- 14 a statement we would have made.
- 15 Q. And it certainly was never attributed to anyone
- 16 from inside the tobacco industry; was it?
- 17 A. Not to the best of my knowledge.
- 18 Q. Could you turn to the page that ends 422 -- no,
- 19 442. This page is entitled "REDUCTION OF CARCINOGENS
- 20 IN SMOKE." Correct?
- 21 A. That's correct.
- 22 Q. And the first point is that carcinogens are
- 23 found in practically every class of compounds in
- 24 smoke; right?
- 25 A. Correct.

- 1 Q. Did The Tobacco Institute ever provide
- 2 information in any of its public statements on
- 3 smoking and health that carcinogens were found in
- 4 practically every class of compounds in smoke?
- 5 A. Not to the best of my knowledge.
- 6 Q. Now this document goes on to say, "The best we
- 7 can hope for is to reduce a particularly bad class,
- 8 i.e., the polynuclear hydrocarbons, or phenols;"
- 9 correct?
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 Q. Did The Tobacco Institute in any of its public
- 12 statements ever inform the public that the best The
- 13 Tobacco Institute -- or the tobacco industry could
- 14 hope to do was to reduce one or two -- or the bad
- 15 class of carcinogens?
- 16 A. Not to the best of my knowledge.
- MS. WIVELL: Why don't we stop there for
- 18 the day.
- 19 THE REPORTER: Off the record, please.
- 20 (Deposition recessed at 4:56 o'clock p.m.)

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